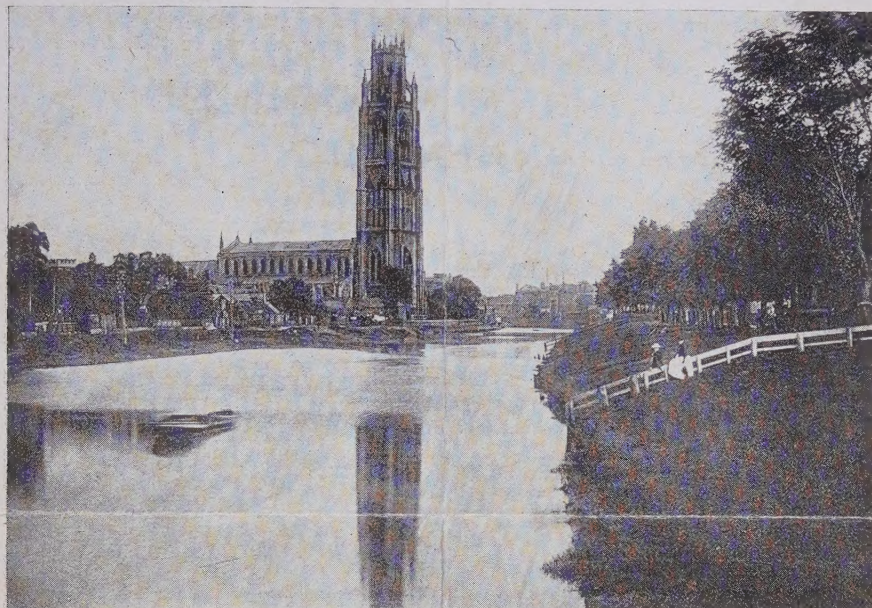


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The Church of St. Botolph, Boston, England.

On Sept. 17, 1630, it was voted by Governor John Winthrop and his followers that "Trimontaine shall be called Boston." The Indian name of the peninsula was "Shawmut," and the new settlers had named it "Trimontaine"; but by this vote it became Boston. The new name was chosen in honor of several distinguished members of the colony who had come from old Boston—notably Lady Arbella Johnson, sister of the Earl of Lincoln, for whom Winthrop's ship, the *Arbella*, was named.

Old Boston is today a quiet, old-fashioned town of about 15,000 inhabitants, situated in Lincolnshire, at the mouth of the river Witham, about 100 miles north of London. Originally it was called "St. Botolph's Town," from a pious Saxon priest who built a monastery on that spot in the seventh century. Father Botolph, whose locks are said by an ancient writer "to have been

white as wool and his beard like the down of a thistle," was afterwards known as Saint Botolph. The poet Chaucer says:

"In Lincolnshire, fast by the fenne,
Standeth a Religious House—who
doth it kenne?"

Soon a village grew up round the monastery, and in the thirteenth century it was a large commercial town. In the year 1309 the foundations of the church shown in our picture were laid. It is the chief ornament of old Boston today and is known to the country round by the inappropriate name of the "Boston Stump." The church is 245 feet long and the tower is 280 feet high. It can be seen from 40 miles at sea and at one time lanterns were hung from its belfry to guide the sailors.

Old Boston is chiefly interesting to us from the fact that there the spirit

of the Pilgrim Fathers and the Puritans was strong. Rev. John Cotton, afterwards minister of the First Church here, was vicar of St. Botolph's Church. To old Boston William Brewster and his friends came from Scrooby to sail for Holland, but were stopped by soldiers and thrown into prison. Later however, they succeeded in getting away, for the people of the town were friendly. Many of the Puritans who came in the fleet with John Winthrop lived near-by (notably at Sempringham) and were parishioners of John Cotton.

Old Boston is still a very quaint and interesting town, because of its old buildings, antique wharves, and narrow lanes. One may visit the cells where the Pilgrims were confined, also the old court room where they were tried. In St. Botolph's Church is a chapel which was restored in 1856 by Americans in memory of John Cotton. The inscription on the tablet was written by Edward Everett, a descendant; and Phillips Brooks, also a descendant, preached several times in the church. It is a curious fact, that there are 365 steps to the tower, 52 windows in the church, 12 pillars, 7 doors, 24 steps to the library, and 60 stairs leading to the chancel.

When John Winthrop wrote to his wife in England, on Nov. 29, 1630, he said, referring to new Boston, "we are here in a paradise." What can we of a still later Boston do in 1908, to make it more nearly a city of righteousness and good will and peace?

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE.

The Alliance members have undertaken an exceedingly interesting course of study for this winter, namely, "Unitarian Hymns and Hymn-writers."

The first Study Class was on Oct. 14, when the Hymns of H. W. Longfellow, Emerson, Bryant, Holmes and Whittier were considered.

On Wednesday, October 28, Miss Ruth Wiggin of Newton read a paper on this same subject. The next Study Class will be on Wednesday, Nov. 11, when the hymns of Wasson, Furness and James Freeman Clarke will be the subject.

On Wednesday, Nov. 25 a "Home Meeting" will be held, when reports will be read and when it is hoped that the Alliance may welcome the National Director, Mrs. Edith R. Bolster.

On December 2 the Alliance members will hold a "Preserve and Pickle Sale," serving on the same day a luncheon and supper under the direction of Miss Jones.

The officers and members of the Alliance are extremely anxious to enlarge their membership, and would be very glad if every woman in the Church and Sunday School would join them. The primary object of the Women's Alliance as stated in its by-laws is,—“To quicken the religious life of our Unitarian Churches and to bring our women into closer acquaintance, co-operation and fellowship.”

Let every woman among us interested in liberal religion join the Alliance.

THE WINKLEY GUILD.

The program of meetings, here and elsewhere, for November, is as follows: Nov. 8. Miss Martha M. Eliot. "Worship." Nov. 15. Visit to Cudworth Guild at East Boston. Nov. 22. Rev. Roger S. Forbes. "Opportunities and Workers." Nov. 29. Semi-annual meeting of Boston Federation at Dedham. This is a good program and deserves the attention of all members and friends. Miss Crocker will speak for the Guild at East Boston, and as there is no meeting here, it is hoped that there will be a good delegation of our members.

Rev. Roger S. Forbes is an earnest, interesting speaker, and as this will be his first visit to the Guild, we should give him a hearty welcome.

The first meeting, an Oct. 11, was a good one. Mr. Eliot called on us to do our part loyally in supporting the church and Sunday school, and to his appeal we should give a hearty response. It is our opportunity to make ourselves "more useful in the service of God," which is a part of our object.

THE BOSTON FEDERATION.

The semi-annual meeting will be held this year at Dedham, on the afternoon and evening of Nov. 29. Many subjects of interest will be discussed. The Dedham society needs the encouragement of this meeting, and our attendance will be appreciated.

The annual banquet will be held at the Church of the Disciples, on Dec. 9. Full details as to subjects and speakers will be announced later. Tickets may

be procured from the President of the Guild, at 75 cents each. Last year very few of our members attended, and they missed a very interesting evening. The banquet seems to increase the friendliness and sociability of the Federation and ought to be more generally supported.

THE TEMPERANCE UNION.

The first of a series of three public meetings for the season will be held on Thursday, Nov. 5, at 8 P.M. at our church. The speaker of the evening will be Rev. Joseph H. Crooker, D.D., President of the Unitarian Temperance Society. He has chosen for his subject, "Great things we all can do." This meeting is being advertised in the churches of Boston and through other channels. Let us attend the meeting in large numbers and thus prove that we heartily believe in this movement and are willing to do our part.

A good meeting of the Union was held in the parlors of the church on Oct. 18, conducted by our President, Dr. Hobart. Various matters, including the proposed ice water fountain, were discussed and referred to committees. An interesting talk was given by Rev. C. R. Eliot upon Prof. Munsterberg's recent article upon prohibition and Rev. Dr. Crooker's reply. The meeting was full of enthusiasm.

THE HARVEST FESTIVAL.

The Harvest Festival, which this year took the form of a Harvest Supper, was held on Thursday evening, Oct. 22. Two hundred people sat down to a supper of baked beans and brown-bread and other good things. After the supper an entertainment was furnished, partly by members of the Sunday School, and partly by other friends. The program consisted of songs by Mrs. Anna C. Breed and Miss Charlotte Pope, assisted by Miss Gertrude Newhall; a piano solo by Miss Malvena Haskell; readings by Miss Crocker and Miss Lillian Jackson; and a most amusing monologue by Mrs. Margaret Humphreys, in the course of which she made a number of jokes at the expense of some of the Sunday School members. Everybody ate heartily and laughed heartily; and the festival was in every way one of our most successful socials.

The classes which had charge of this entertainment were Miss Stokes's, Mrs. Eliot's, Miss Abby Orcutt's, Miss Skimmings's and Mr. McMurdie's.

STEREOPTICON LECTURES.

The first course of stereopticon lectures will begin on Wednesday evening, Nov. 4. The lectures, which are fully up to our former standard, will be as follows: Nov. 4, Constantinople; Nov. 11, In Japan with a Camera; Nov. 18, Tibet, the Forbidden Land; Nov. 25, Paris: A Picture Story; Dec. 2, The Fairyland of Atlas; Dec. 5, The Pilgrim Shore. The lectures will begin at 8 o'clock. Season-tickets for all six lectures may be obtained at the door for twenty-five cents. Single admission, ten cents.

We hope that our friends will widely advertise these lectures, and that many people will take advantage of this opportunity. The course promises to be one of the most interesting ever given at the church.

COMFORT CARRIERS' CLUB.

On Sept. 29 a preliminary meeting was held at the home of Miss Jones. Plans were suggested for the year's work and a social hour was enjoyed.

On Oct. 6 the first regular meeting of the season was held at the chapel. The suggestions made at the previous meeting, and others in addition, were voted upon. "Service" is to be the watch word. More social life among the members as a club is expected.

A second meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Eliot, where the members had supper. After the business had been transacted, many candy bags were made by the members. All those present spent a very pleasant evening.

The club extends a cordial invitation to any who desire to become members. Its object is: "To render true service to those about us; to help one another; and to strengthen our own lives."

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION.

Under the leadership of its interested President, Rev. Henry H. Sanderson, the National Union is making an earnest effort this year to extend its influence in every way among the young

people of the liberal faith. An aggressive missionary work has been mapped out, and Mr. Saunderson will start on a trip which will cover a large part of this country and Canada. To carry on this work the Union must receive the cordial support of its members and friends, and any contributions to any of the funds will be greatly appreciated.

Our Unitarian faith is a splendid one and every effort should be made to extend its influence.

TUCKERMAN SCHOOL LECTURES

The Tuckerman School, named for Joseph Tuckerman, began its second year on Oct. 6, with headquarters at 25 Beacon St. It is for the training of Parish Assistants and Sunday School workers. The dean of the school is Mrs. Clara T. Guild. The opening lecture was given by Rev. Christopher R. Eliot upon "Joseph Tuckerman and His Work." Three series of lectures open to the public are now announced, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, at 10.30 A.M. On five Tuesdays, beginning Nov. 3, Mr. Albert E. Bailey will give "Laboratory Exercises in Biblical Geography"; on Thursdays, different speakers will present the work of certain charitable and religious societies; on Saturdays Miss Sara C. Bullard is giving a series of ten lessons upon the "Sunday School Kindergarten." The lectures are free to all.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The stereopticon lectures will begin on Nov. 4. Buy your tickets now.

Come to the temperance meeting on Nov. 5 at 8 P.M. Invite your friends.

The Eliot Circle will hold its next regular meeting on Nov. 6 at 2.30 P. M. This will be the Harvest meeting.

An important meeting of the West End Improvement Society on Nov. 6, at 7.30 P.M., at the Frances E. Willard Settlement, 38 Chambers St. All are invited.

Next Sunday school entertainment on Thursday evening, Nov. 12, in charge of Miss Brown's, Mr. Winkley's, Mr. Sampson's and Miss Kingsbury's classes.

The Eliot Circle's Mikado Bazaar on Wednesday, Nov. 18, from 10 A.M. to 10 P.M. Lunch from 12 to 2; supper from 5.30 to 7.30. Everything Japanese.

The West End Improvement Society is planning a public meeting to be held late in November, at which the question

of placing the new West End school-house on the Charles River Embankment will be discussed. The speakers to be invited are Mr. R. Clipston Sturgis of the Schoolhouse Commission and Mr. Arthur Hill. Stereopticon views.

On Oct. 18 Rev. Mr. Fisher and Mr. Eliot exchanged pulpits, and as the services were at different hours each minister could introduce and assist the other. It was a happy day for us all, what Methodists and Unitarians alike might call a "love-feast." Mr. Eliot preached in the morning upon "The Parable of the Great Supper" and Mr. Fisher, in the afternoon, upon "The Wayside Altar." Both sermons emphasized the opportunities and duties of the church of today, and Mr. Fisher dwelt especially upon work to be done in the West End.

The gymnasium classes for the young men and boys of the West End House began on Monday, October 26. The boys will meet on Monday and Friday afternoons, in charge of Mr. E. A. Larabee, a graduate of the Posse School of Gymnastics. The young men will meet on Monday and Friday evenings, in charge of Mr. Oscar Martin, who has taught them for two years past.

If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain.

If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,

Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain.

Emily Dickinson.

ELIOT CIRCLE.

The "Stocking Bee" was a great success, and as a result 119 pair of stockings went into the barrel sent to Shelter Neck. We are now looking forward with great interest to the Mikado Bazaar which is to be held on Wednesday, Nov. 18, from ten until ten. Fancy and useful articles, pickles, preserves, candy, toys, children's clothing, groceries and flowers will be on sale. An excellent lunch will be served from 12 to 2, and supper from 5.30 to 7.30, either of which will be 25 cents. Friends who are expecting to attend the lecture given that evening are invited to take supper with us.

Decorations and costumes will be Japanese.

We hope that all our friends will co-operate to make this day a great success, both socially and financially.

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John Milton—Champion of Liberty.

We are so accustomed to think of John Milton as the great poet, the author of "Paradise Lost," and "L'Allegro," and "Il Penseroso," that we sometimes forget that he played a prominent part in the public life of his times, and was an ardent champion of civil and religious liberty.

In 1638, when still a young man, Mil-

ton went for an extended tour of the continent. Here he made many friends among the leading thinkers of Europe and filled his mind with knowledge and wisdom. But he was not destined to enjoy the life of study long. The great Puritan Revolution broke out and Milton hurried home to take his part in the struggle against oppres-

sion and tyranny. He had the same spirit as that which impelled so many young students to give up their careers and enlist at the time of our Civil War.

All through the wars which followed, Milton served as secretary to Oliver Cromwell, the great Puritan leader. Milton was an Independent in religion; that is, he was a firm believer in liberty of conscience. He felt that every man should be allowed to worship in the way which seemed best to him. He rebelled against the Established Church which tried to make everybody conform to the Episcopalian belief. This desire for religious liberty went hand in hand with a strong belief in civil liberty. The tyranny of Charles the First was so excessive that the people finally revolted, and, in 1649, the king was beheaded.

In this and other ways Milton showed a "modern" spirit; and it is this spirit which makes us glad to celebrate the tercentennial of his birth. He had advanced ideas on religion and also on education. The stiff, formal system of his time did not appeal to him; he felt that education should be free, natural, practical, and ennobling. "The end of learning," he wrote in one of his prose treatises, "is to know God aright, and out of that knowledge to love him, to imitate him, to be like him."

Ought not all people of liberal faith, and especially we Unitarians, unite in praising a man who stood thus for our great ideals of education and religion?

MILTON'S CHRISTMAS HYMN.

One of the greatest of Christmas odes is that of the poet whom, everywhere, the world is praising today. It is too long to give in full, but we gladly print the following lines:

"It was the winter wild,
While the heaven-born child
All meanly wrapt in the rude man-
ger lies;

* * * * *

"But peaceful was the night,
Wherein the Prince of Light
His reign of peace upon the earth
began:
The winds with wonder whist,
Smoothly the waters kist,
Whispering new joys to the mild
ocean.
Who now hath quite forgot to rave,

While birds of calm sit brooding on
the charmed wave.

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"Ring out, ye crystal spheres,
Once bless our human ears,
If ye have power to touch our
senses so;
And let your silver chime
Move in melodious time;
And let the bass of heaven's deep
organ blow;
And with your ninefold harmony,
Make up full concert to the angelic
symphony.

"For, if such holy song
Enwrap our fancy long,
Time will run back and fetch the
age of gold;

* * * * *

"Yea, truth and justice then
Will down return to men,
Orb'd in a rainbow; and, like glo-
ries wearing,
Mercy will sit between,
Throned in celestial sheen,
With radiant feet the tissued clouds
down steering;
And heaven, as at some festival,
Will open wide the gates of her high
palace hall."

HOWARD SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The entertainment on Nov. 12 consisted of tableaux representing certain well known and easily recognized advertisements, such as "Uneeda Biscuit," "Fairy Soap," "Corn Flakes," "Gold Dust," the "Walk-Over Shoe," and many others.

The effect in each case was good and it was evident that more than one person must have worked hard to produce the result. The classes in charge deserve the credit.

Before the entertainment there were games and music. The attendance was good but not as large as the quality of the entertainment deserved. The next entertainment will be in January.

The Superintendent wishes to urge upon the Sunday School greater regularity and punctuality at the Sunday services of the School. How often he speaks of this, and yet how many are unnecessarily absent or late! Why should not the Sunday School be as important a duty as the every-day school or business?

And then the minister wishes to urge

the members of the school to attend church more constantly. Will not the teachers impress upon their scholars this opportunity and duty?

The success of our church depends greatly upon the Sunday School. The church-going habit is even more important than the Sunday-School habit. Shall we not cultivate both?

THE WINKLEY GUILD.

The program for December is as follows:

Dec. 6. "Service," by Miss Katherine R. Stokes.

Dec. 9. Banquet of the Boston Federation at the Church of the Disciples.

Dec. 20. Children's Mission Sunday.

Special attention is called to the banquet. This is one of the pleasantest social events of the year, and more of our members ought to attend. The principal speaker this year will be Hon. George A. Hibbard, Mayor of Boston. The banquet will be served at 6.30 P. M., and tickets at 75 cents each may be purchased from the president of the Guild.

Friends and members will remember that last year we inaugurated the plan of holding a special service for the Children's Mission under the auspices of the Guild. This will be followed this year, and as the Mission is one of our special interests we intend to make the meeting a good one. Further particulars will be announced as soon as possible.

The Guild suppers, before each regular meeting, are being made a special feature of our work this year, and they are bringing the members nearer together.

THE BOSTON FEDERATION.

The mid-year meeting of the Federation was held on Sunday, Nov. 29, at Dedham, where the 153 delegates present were very cordially received.

The afternoon meeting was devoted to business. Among the reports of the committees was a very interesting account of the work of the Friendly Service Committee, which has been active in practical and benevolent ways. Two votes were passed, first, to hold a joint meeting with the Universalist Y. P. C. U., on Jan. 18, at the Central Univer-

salist Church; and second, to give the annual entertainment of the Federation in February.

The money previously appropriated for Chelsea (\$35.00), was divided between a fund established at the Massachusetts General Hospital, and the Friendly Service Committee.

The evening meeting was made decidedly interesting by the encouraging reports from the societies, some showing a splendid revival of interest, and broadening of their work. Rev. Edward A. Horton was the speaker of the evening and gave a simple and practical message to us all, dwelling especially upon individual responsibility, reverence for the past, and a hopeful outlook for the future.

Taken all together, the meeting was one of the best we have ever had and showed a growing interest on the part of the members, which argues well for the future of the Federation.

THE ELIOT CIRCLE.

The Eliot Circle Mikado Bazaar was held on Nov. 18 and was a brilliant success. We shall not soon forget the pretty decorations of cherry blossoms and wisterias and the brilliant Japanese costumes of the ladies-in-waiting at the booths and tables. Each booth had its appropriate Japanese name, puzzling enough except for the interpretation given by the goods for sale. We could guess that "Ya" meant "shop," and there were shops for candy, and rancy articles, and handkerchiefs, and Christmas cards, and many other kinds. From 10 A. M. to 10 P. M. it was a luscious scene, and the sociability was the best part of it. In spite of the rain, many came and the faithful efforts of the Circle were rewarded by a good return of money. Though the final report cannot even yet be made, the net proceeds will exceed two hundred dollars.

The Christmas meeting of the Circle was held on Dec. 4 and plans were started for the next event which will be the Christmas Party.

RED, WHITE AND BLUE CLUB.

At the annual meeting of the Red, White, and Blue Club of Boston, held on Monday evening, Nov. 30, the fol-

Sunday Services.

1.45 P. M. Howard Sunday School.

3.15 P. M. Public Worship.

Communion first Sunday in the month.

7.00 P. M. The Winkley Guild every other Sunday.

The Church will be open every day from 10 until 1 o'clock. Mr. Eliot will be at the church on Wednesdays, and on other days by appointment; Miss Jones on Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, and Miss Stokes on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie; Vice-President, Mr. David C. Mann; Secretary, Mr. Edgar D. S. Jackson; Color Sergeant, Mr. Lucius Bigelow, Jr.; Treasurer, Mr. Orrin E. Wilkins.

A new club has been formed, to be called the Red, White, and Blue Club, Junior. Meetings will be held every Wednesday evening from seven to eight o'clock. The officers are Miss Edith L. Jones, President; Alfred Dahlstrom, Vice-President; John Nickerson, Secretary; Frank Grant, Treasurer.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The last lecture in the present course will be given on Dec. 9 by Mr. Burton L. Thomas upon "The Pilgrim Shore." The lectures have been well attended, the audiences averaging about 150. The second series will be in February and March.

The three-hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Milton will be celebrated on Dec. 9 by a public meeting at the Boston Public Library. The address will be given by Mr. Edwin D. Mead.

The Sunday-School Christmas Tree will be on Dec. 30, and the Eliot Circle Party on Jan. 1. Christmas Sunday, with special service for church and Sunday School, will be Dec. 20, and on Dec. 27, at 7.30 P. M., there will be a Christmas and New Year's Sunday-School concert. The New Year's Reception will come in the following week.

The John Howard Lend-a-Hand Club gave a very successful musical entertainment on Friday, October 30. The program consisted of orchestral selec-

tions by Bond's Orchestra of Waverly, violin solo by Master Melvin Bryant, vocal and piano solos by Mrs. and Miss Safford, and readings by Mrs. Knowles. Chocolate and cake were served by club members. The concert was greatly enjoyed by all present. The club was able to add \$25.22 to their treasury as a result.

The King's Chapel Mid-week Services have begun. Every Wednesday at 12 o'clock, from now until Easter, these half-hour services will be held, as for many years. Those in charge for December are Rev. Charles F. Dole (Dec. 9), Rev. Charles W. Wendte (Dec. 16), Rev. C. R. Eliot (Dec. 30). No service on Dec. 23.

The American National Red Cross is issuing "Christmas Stamps," for sale at one cent each, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the battle against tuberculosis. The stamps are printed in red and green, with the name of the Society and the words "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year." They may be used upon Christmas packages and letters, not for postage, of course, but to carry the greetings of the season. Every stamp sold will help in the fight against the great White Plague, by enabling the Society to continue its work of educating the people. Stamps are for sale at the church.

The West End Improvement Society held a very useful public meeting on Dec. 1 at the Wells School. Over two hundred residents of the West End were present. Addresses were made by Mr. James J. Storrow, Chairman of the School Committee, and Mr. R. Clipston Sturgis, Chairman of the Schoolhouse Commission.

The subject which aroused most interest was that of the proposed school-house in the West End Park. Mr. Sturgis ably presented his argument in favor of such a location, using stereopticon views. Many questions were asked and considerable opposition developed, resulting in a lively discussion. Doubtless the West End will do some thinking and talking between now and the time when the legislature will be asked to consider the question. One of the best speeches was by a West End mother who argued, with intense feeling, for more light and fresh air in the schools "for the children's sake."

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THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION.

Though Anniversary Week is yet three weeks away, this is the time for such announcements as specially interest us. The picture given above is from the latest and best photograph of the Unitarian Building, where the hospitality and interest of the week will chiefly centre. It was erected by special subscription in 1885 and is the headquarters of all our National Societies, the Association, the Sunday School Society, the Women's Alliance, the Young People's Religious Union, the Temperance Society, and others. Here is also the Unitarian Book Room, the Library, and Channing Hall. Here during Anniversary Week delegates will be welcomed and many committee meetings and conferences held. In the various rooms are many interesting portraits which in

themselves would repay a visit to this interesting building.

But we do not forget that our own church is another centre of interest during the week on account of the hospitality here extended and the luncheons served to delegates by the National Women's Alliance. This will be the tenth year of this delightful service, a blessing to those who give as well as to those who receive. It has made "Bulfinch Place" synonymous with good fellowship and good cheer.

Among the many meetings of the week, the following will interest us especially:

Sunday, May 22, 3 P. M. The Children's Mission, at Arlington Street Church. Speakers, Hon. Curtis Guild, Jr., Mrs. Clara T. Guild, and others.

Monday, 2.30 P. M. Women's Alliance, at South Congregational Church. Speakers, Mrs. Claude U. Gilson, Elizabeth, N. J.; Rev. S. R. Maxwell, of Greenfield; Rev. E. J. Prescott, of Sanford, Maine.

Monday, 8 P. M. Reception, at Hotel Somerset, to which all are cordially invited.

Tuesday, 10 A. M., at South Congregational Church. Annual business meeting of the Alliance.

Tuesday, 2.30 P. M. in Tremont Temple. Eighty-fifth Annual Meeting of the American Unitarian Association.

Tuesday, 7.30 P. M., in Tremont Temple. Anniversary sermon by Rev. Thomas R. Slicer of New York.

Wednesday, all day, and at 7.30 P. M. American Unitarian Association. Evening speakers, Hon. Louis A. Frothingham, Rev. Elmer S. Forbes, Dr. Charles W. Eliot.

Thursday, 2.30 P. M., in King's Chapel. Annual meeting of Temperance Society. Speakers, Rev. Joseph H. Crocker, D.D., and Dr. Charles W. Eliot, and others.

Thursday, 5-7 P. M., in Second Church. Reception to National Y. P. R. U. by Boston Federation, and at 7.30 the Public Meeting.

Friday, 10 A. M. and 2 P. M., at King's Chapel. Sunday School Society.

MR. WINKLEY'S BIRTHDAY.

There were over two hundred persons present at the "Congregational" on April 5, to celebrate the ninety-first birthday of our pastor emeritus. Preceded by an informal reception, in which Mr. and Mrs. Hobart W. Winkley, Mrs. Martha W. Suter, Mr. and Mrs. Eliot, and others, took part, the evening was devoted to music and monologues and brief addresses. Many old friends were present, and the "Chapel" spirit of gratitude for the past and present, of good will and good cheer for the future, prevailed. Though Mr. Winkley could not be present, he sent the following message, full of tenderness and love, and written in his own hand:

My precious friends: I never was so sure of being one of a company of immortals. You are doubtless thinking of those who have "passed on." If instead you will only say "have become invisible," then I will say, Yes, they have, according to a permanent plan of the

Father, taken on a change of garments and so are beyond our sight, but are surely with us; and so we know that they and we are one congregation, numerically perhaps beyond the capacity of this building. But so far from being dead, they are more than ever alive, because they have passed from death unto life, i. e., from a transient form of existence to an actual conscious companionship. Let us rejoice with those who are rejoicing in the change until we meet face to face and join in the song of the redeemed: "There are no dead and we are now united and are together forever and forever." And so, through faith and love, we are united here through the anticipation of the everlasting oneness.

This message was read by Mr. Hobart Winkley, who also gave us his own greeting in well chosen words. A large bunch of daybreak carnations was sent to Mr. Winkley with the love of all, and also a book with one hundred and forty signatures.

LEND-A-HAND CLUBS.

The annual meeting of our Lend-a-Hand clubs took place on the evening of April 22, in the parlors of the church. Nine clubs out of a total of ten, were represented by delegates, and also two visiting clubs. Mr. Eliot presided, leading in the "mottoes" and making a brief opening address. He spoke of Dr. Hale, the founder and inspirer of the Lend-a-Hand work, and distributed cards with his picture and mottoes.

As always, the chief interest of the evening centred in the reports. These were thought unusually good, and, were it possible, we should be glad to give them in detail. They proved again the old adage, "Many a mickle makes a muckle," for taken together the ten clubs have raised a very considerable sum of money, about two hundred dollars, and have done a lot of good in other ways. Among the good causes helped, not to speak of individuals, are the Social Service Department of Massachusetts General Hospital, the Children's Mission, the Floating Hospital, the Flower Mission, and the Hale Endowment Fund.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Rev. C. R. Eliot; Vice-President, Mr. O. A. McMurdie; Secretary, Miss Elinor W. Crocker; Treasurer,

Miss Gertrude Rogers. A piano duet was given by two of our most interested members, Margaret and Adeline Pileghaar, and a violin solo by Miss Abigail A. Eliot. Flowers were presented to Miss Crocker in appreciation of her enthusiastic service as Secretary. Orange sherbet and cake were served.

In spite of the good reports, the officers feel that the clubs can do better another year. Too much of the work is left to a few. Leaders are indeed necessary, but the real strength of the clubs is in their members. Some of the clubs need a revival of interest. The May Festival will take place on May 19 and that ought to be a rallying time for all.

Look up and not down;
Look forward and not back;
Look out and not in;
Lend a Hand.

THE MAY FESTIVAL.

The annual May Festival and Sale will be held on Thursday, May 19, at 7.30 P. M. There will be the usual tables for the sale of candy, lemonade, etc., and there will be an entertainment.

The festival this year will be the May entertainment for the Sunday School under the charge of Miss Crocker's, Miss Stokes', and Mr. Frederick M. Eliot's classes.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION.

Our meeting in anniversary week comes on the afternoon and evening of May 26. It will be the annual meeting and will be held in the parlors of the Second Church, Copley Square. The afternoon session, at 2 o'clock, will be devoted to business, namely, the election of officers, reports of committees, etc.

In the evening the three officers of the Union who have done Field Work this year will render a report.

The usual reception and supper will be given by the Boston Federation to the officers and delegates.

Everyone is invited to take an active interest in these meetings, as they mean a great deal to the young people of the Unitarian Church. Friends or members of the Guild who can offer hospitality for that night will receive the cordial thanks of the Federation. Names and addresses may be sent to Mr. Chester N. Rogers, Secretary of the Hospitality

Committee, 17 Hilton St., Hyde Park, Mass. Directions for reaching the homes should be sent.

THE WINKLEY GUILD.

Meetings for May are as follows:—

May 1.—Temperance meeting. Further notice given below.

May 15.—"The Power of Ambition."
Mr. Alfred W. Dahlstrom.

May 26.—Annual Meeting of the Y. P. R. U.

May 29.—Memorial Day Service and Annual Meeting of the Guild.

THE TEMPERANCE UNION.

A meeting will be held on May 1, at 7.30 P. M., in the parlors of the church, under the auspices of the Winkley Guild and the Neighborhood Temperance Committee. Miss Nellie F. Hill, Secretary of the Frances E. Willard Settlement, will tell of the work being done there in the cause of temperance among the children. All are cordially invited and urged to bring friends.

ELIOT CIRCLE.

April brings to us the birthdays of Dr. Hale and Mr. Winkley, which double anniversary we always celebrate. We missed sending the telegram of congratulations and the cake to Washington as has been our custom, but the following words of "our chief" seemed to have been given for just this occasion:

"The King's work must go forward. There is no stop possible. If it is in my hand, entrusted to me, I must carry it forward. Well for any man or woman who, early in life, works out this formula for the place or duty which is assigned to him in men's affairs. Duty is no separate business, no part of myself; culture, no service for which I am to be paid at the ticket office of heaven. Duty is my part of the infinite service which an infinite number of God's children must render before God's kingdom comes. It is lifted from a little personal affair to its own place in close relationship with the movement of the universe. It seems to me not hard to make even children understand this, and enter into the enthusiasm of work thus rendered in the common cause for the Father of us all."

Rev. B. R. Bulkeley spoke on the Spirit of Optimism, using the poems of

Emerson to illustrate his subject. It was a real uplift. Music was furnished by Miss Grace Safford and Master Bryant. Some of the great cake was sent to Mr. Winkley and also the American Beauty rose, our love-token; and we felt that we had gained fresh courage to "look forward and not back."

THE WOMEN'S ALLIANCE.

The usual two meetings were held in April. That on April 13 was in memory of James Freeman Clarke, and a paper was read by Mrs. Clara B. Beatley, a member of the Church of the Disciples.

The meeting on April 27 was held in the evening, and an appreciative audience listened to an extremely interesting talk by Dr. Mary F. Hobart on her recent trip to California.

The Annual Meeting of the Alliance, which winds up the season, will be held on May 11, at 11 A. M. A luncheon will be served at the close to Alliance members. Price 25 cents each.

RED, WHITE AND BLUE CLUB.

Our annual entertainment was given on April 14, at Union Hall, Boston. A college comedy, "One of the Eight," was presented. Everyone present had a good time and declared the performance a creditable one.

The club takes this opportunity to thank all its friends for their interest and support, but we regret that the financial returns will not be very large.

We bespeak their continued interest in our work, and assure you that the standards of the club are as high and loyal as ever.

Our Saturday night work is meeting with continued and deserved success. On April 23, the boys were entertained with postal cards shown by the new reflectoscope.

THE SPHINX CLUB.

The Sphinx Club has had a successful year, with an enrollment of eighty-five pupils. The work compares well with other years in the music department, and sewing, and embroidery classes; and the boys have gotten a thorough course in Sloyd under an efficient teacher. Violin lessons were added to the curriculum, in the place of a gymnasium class, a change which has proved popular. A number of children

have taken advantage of the new class and are doing good work. The annual exhibition of the Club will be held on Saturday, May 14, at 2.30 P. M., and it is hoped that the parents and friends of the children will attend it and see what has been accomplished.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Come to the Sunday School picture-show on Friday evening, May 6. The classes have been collecting postals and other pictures illustrating "Old and New Boston," which will be thrown upon the screen by the reflectoscope. Each class will explain its own pictures.

The members of the church will meet again on June 2, the Thursday before the last Communion Service of the season. Supper will be served at 6.30 and the regular meeting will begin at 7.30. We hope for the largest meeting yet. Mr. Eliot especially urges the men to come.

The West End Improvement Society will hold its Annual Meeting on May 10, for the election of officers and other business. The place and program will be announced later.

The Sunday School Entertainment held on April 20 was different from any other. It consisted principally of a talk upon "Palestine of Today" by Miss Merritt, who told of her own visit there, and illustrated what she said with beautiful water color sketches which she herself had made. She also brought a model of a house and other objects. The lecture was not only interesting but instructive. We note especially the flower pictures and those of Jerusalem. To Miss Merritt we give our hearty thanks.

After this we had a hearty laugh over pantomime pictures given by Miss Aitken's class. Lemonade and crackers closed a pleasant evening.

Before the next number of "Our Work" appears, on June 19, the work of the Flower Mission will have begun. Contributions are solicited from the Lepd-a-Hand Clubs and all who are willing to assist in sending in flowers, or distributing, are invited to volunteer. How much a few flowers can mean no one knows until shut in by sickness or work.

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THE GATEWAY OF ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND.

We are always interested in Dr. Grenfell and in his work for the fishermen of the Newfoundland and Labrador Coasts, and our Lend a Hand Clubs are especially interested in the Seamen's Institute which is being built at St. John's. Our picture, kindly lent us by the Grenfell Association, shows the entrance to the harbor, with some of the winter ice still there—an interesting picture though making the gateway seem more dangerous than it really is.

The greatest dangers in a great fishing port, and St. John's is the greatest in America, are not those of the sea but those on shore, arising from the saloons and the lack of respectable places for sociability and entertainment. Seventy-five thousand seamen visit this port every year and hundreds of them

would welcome opportunities such as Dr. Grenfell's Institute will offer, lectures, entertainments, game and social rooms, baths and a swimming pool, and a reading room. The latter is our special interest as it is to be furnished by the Lend a Hand Society. "One-third of the deaths in Newfoundland and Labrador are the result of tuberculosis, and this fearful proportion is due, not to climatic conditions, but to the entire lack of knowledge of hygiene, and the value of cheap, nutritious foods." It is also a surprising fact that "almost none of these people who spend the greater part of their lives on the sea can swim, because the water is too cold to permit them to learn." The Institute will give special instruction along these lines.

NEIGHBORHOOD WORK.

Although our Sunday-school and congregation are composed largely of those who come from out of town, it is interesting to note that our church holds its place in the West End and is doing its own special work in our immediate neighborhood.

The drinking fountain in Bowdoin Square, the new light at the entrance of Bulfinch Place, came through the efforts of our Temperance Union. In fact the West End Improvement Society had its birth at one of our Temperance meetings. Do you ever stop to read the message in our Porch Pulpit? Many a passerby does, some even stopping to copy the words. One day a teamster was seen writing down the message, saying, "I pass this along to my mother." It is only a friendly word of advice, a call for the "upward look," but it has its place and is appreciated.

As the church is open daily, we frequently entertain callers who are strangers in the city. Some enquire for employment, some come to see our church and ask about its work, some ask for advice, and the services we can render in this way are very gratifying. A caller recently remarked, "I see you are an every day church and keep the latch-string out." Through our flower work, friendly calls, and other services, a pleasant relation is sustained with our neighbors, and they in turn are interested in our work.

The Saturday night "open house" has been specially interesting from the fact that "all sorts and conditions" of boys have met to enjoy themselves, irrespective of nationality, color, or creed. "Saturday night this church is open for everybody" remarked one of our little Italian friends.

Yes, Saturday night and every day and night, whenever we are wanted and needed, we stand ready to serve.

Is it not a privilege to have a part in this bit of the world's work? Let us each do our best to strengthen the influence of our church. E. L. J.

OLD LADIES' PARTY.

Perfect weather, an abundance of flowers, an entertainment of music, reading, and a play, one hundred and fifteen guests at the first tables, fifty helpers at the second, plenty of straw-

berries and other good things,—such in brief is the report of the Old Ladies' Party given at our Church on June 8. Miss Jones had charge of the supper, Miss Leon of the entertainment, and Mrs. Savell of the decorations. One hundred and fifty bouquets were ready for distribution afterwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Eliot and Mrs. Howard received, with the assistance of twelve young ladies as "runners," and everybody found a welcome at the door from Mr. Upham. The oldest guest was Miss Stanley, ninety-one, and the youngest, Dorothy Woods, seven, who was christened. We were greatly disappointed that Miss Folger could not come, but some of the "party" was sent to her. Mr. Winkley, our pastor emeritus and the founder of these parties, was remembered with a special message of love, and greetings were sent to Miss Orcutt who for many years had charge of them. All the arrangements were carried out smoothly and if any one failed to have a good time she did not report. Those who took part in the play (*A Precious Pickle*), were Lillian Jackson, Jane Ray, Marguerite and Adeline Pfeleghaar, Olive Binns, Isabel Prescott and Lillian Grant.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY.

Children's Sunday, or Flower Sunday, was celebrated June 12 by a service in the church for Sunday-school and congregation combined. In spite of the rain the attendance was excellent and every one was surprised at the abundance of flowers, peonies, daisies and roses. These were beautifully arranged on the pulpit and platform. Three canary birds had been brought and gave great delight by their singing.

The musical programme consisted of carols by the choir, organ and violin selections, hymns by the children and congregation. Mr. Eliot conducted the service and an exceedingly interesting address was given by Rev. William I. Lawrance, President of the Unitarian Sunday School Society. His subject was "Choosing the good life or the bad" and we shall not soon forget the two roses by which he illustrated the results of that choice.

The following children gave recitations: Elsie Royal Louder, Alice Grant, Jessie Averill, Mildred Walker, Lillian

Jackson, Elizabeth Lang, Isabel Prescott, Margarite Pileghaar, Adeline Pileghaar, Frank Grant, Edwin Walker, Jean Lang, Earl Shackford and John Nickerson (flag bearer). A hymn, "Suffer Little Children," was sung by Mrs. Breed and Miss Thomas, accompanied on violins by Miss Eliot and Miss Haskell.

Everyone pronounced it the best service of its kind for years.

LEND A HAND CLUBS.

The annual May festival was held on Thursday, May 19. This was also the monthly entertainment of the Sunday School. The entertainment was in charge of Miss Stokes's, Miss Crocker's and Mr. Frederick Eliot's classes, and consisted of a May-pole dance by four little girls and four little boys, illustrated songs, choruses by young ladies, assisted by Miss Florentine and Mr. Handy. The sale of candy, flowers, cake, and fancy articles, was quite a feature and a satisfactory sum was netted by each club. The attendance was large and every one seemed to have a jolly good time.

The general secretary was pleased to carry this month \$11.50 to the office of the Lend a Hand Society, as a contribution from the clubs to the Hale Endowment Fund.

COMFORT CARRIERS' CLUB.

The Comfort Carriers' Club has continued its good work during the past year. We have made and given away several baby outfits. Some one usually reads aloud while we sew. "The Efficient Life," by Gulick, and "Noble Womanhood," by Charles F. Dole were read in this way.

At Thanksgiving and at Christmas special work was done in the way of sending cards and gifts and flowers to the sick and unfortunate; but throughout the year fruit and flowers have been sent to many.

We have given money to the Flower Mission, also to the Children's Mission.

One little girl whom the club is especially interested in is remembered every Christmas and on her birthday with useful gifts, besides one dollar deposited in the bank on each birthday.

We have also contributed to the Boston Floating Hospital, and the Social Service department of the Massachu-

setts General Hospital. This money is used to give lunches to those who are obliged to wait a long time at the hospital and have not the means to provide them for themselves.

Though our slender resources prevent us from doing big things we are happy to help in any little way and are ever ready to "Lend a Hand."

ELIOT CIRCLE.

The closing meeting of the season was held on Friday, June 3. Our friends of the Sphinx Club entertained us with music and readings always much enjoyed. An informal talk by our counsellor is always a pleasant feature of this meeting and seems a fitting close to the season's work. As we look back for a moment we can but feel that the year has been a good one and marks progress for us, so that we can "look forward" with renewed hope and courage.

Our picnic will be held at Waverley Oaks, on Thursday, June 30. The first party will leave Park St. Subway at ten o'clock. Let all who can join us there, so that we may go together. Others can come when convenient, as cars run frequently. Please take box lunch and drinking cups. Hot coffee will be served on the grounds at 12.30. A committee has charge of the games and prizes will be offered. We hope that all our members will take an interest and help make this picnic a success. We want especially to give the children a good day out of doors. Invite as many little friends as possible. Everybody come.

THE WINKLEY GUILD.

Our annual meeting was held in the parlors of the church on Sunday, May 29, at 5 P. M. The following officers and directors were elected for 1910-11:

President, r. O. Arthur McMurdie.
Vice-President, Mr. Frederick May Eliot.

Recording Secretary, Miss Marion Foster.

Correspondent, Miss Huldah A. La-selle.

Treasurer, Miss Emma J. Lang.
Counsellor Emeritus, Rev. Samuel H. Winkley.

Counsellor, Rev. Christopher R. Eliot.
The President reported the year just

closed to have been a very successful one.

Voted: "To appoint a committee of three to make arrangements about repairing or replacing the service books used by the Guild." These books have been used by the church, the Guild, and other clubs, and it is our intention therefore to ask for contributions for repairing them.

Voted: "To leave the preparation of the program for next year to the directors."

"To hold the meetings next year in the Sunday-school parlors."

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The last quarterly meeting of the Sunday-school teachers was held at the superintendent's house on the evening of May 31. It was fully attended and various matters of general interest were discussed. The lesson book for next season was selected—"Life Studies"—and the question of a bulletin board for registering attendance was referred to the superintendent. One meeting of the Sunday School Teachers' Union of Boston and Vicinity will be held at Bulfinch Place Church next winter and our teachers have agreed to be present in a body and to act as a hospitality committee.

Anniversary week passed off successfully, our church being again a centre of hospitality. Under the charge of the Branch Alliances, luncheons were served on five days, and from two hundred to three hundred and forty guests were entertained each day. Our own Alliance took an active part as usual in all the arrangements. This was the eleventh year.

The Howard Sunday School will close on June 19 and open on Sept. 18. The church services will continue for three Sundays in July, after which the congregation is invited to attend those at King's Chapel until Sept. 11. The church will be open all summer during the week from 10 to 1 for the Flower Mission and other work. Visitors will be welcome and it is hoped that all cases of sickness or special need will be promptly reported.

The work of the Boston Flower Mission has begun, and the days at our church are Tuesdays and Fridays. Contributions of flowers and fruit and vegetables are always welcome.

A meeting of church members was held on June 2. Fifty-two were present for supper and the devotional service afterwards. It was voted to have three such meetings next season, preceding the first Sundays of October, February, and June. Mr. Eliot spoke from the text, "When I became a man, I put away childish things." His subject was "Growing Up," and he dwelt especially upon a life controlled by reason, ideals, and faith, as contrasted with one governed by selfish impulses, willfulness and fear.

"Heaven is not reached by a single bound;

But we build the ladder by which we rise

From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies;

And we mount to its summit round by round."

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION.

The opening paragraph of the secretary's annual report sums up the important lines of progress in the most successful year the Young People's Religious Union has ever had:—"The year just passed has been remarkable for the number of young people's societies that have come to light, for the amount of Field Work accomplished, for the great gain in Life Membership, and for the splendid results of the Fifth Biennial Bazaar."

The annual reports will be printed and distributed. The necessary papers having been drawn in legal form, the meeting voted that the Young People's Religious Union be incorporated. This vote of the meeting will be carried out forthwith.

After the business session, the Boston Federation tendered a reception to the past and present officers. Later, this federation, with its customary hospitality, provided refreshments for the assembled delegates.

At the evening session a choir of young people, of the Boston Federation, sang three anthems, and the president conducted a service of worship. Addresses were made by three men who have been active this year in field work for the Union.—Rev. A. D. K. Shurtleff, vice-president, Rev. Henry Wilder Foote, field secretary, and Rev. Henry Hallam Saunderson, president.

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SATURDAY EVENING GAME AND READING ROOM

If anyone were to visit our church parlor on a Saturday evening between the hours of seven and nine o'clock, he would find there a group of boys, ranging in age from eight to eighteen, who have come to the "Saturday Night, Open House." The above picture was taken on a Saturday evening in December, 1910.

At a Union Service held in the Methodist church on Temple Street on Thanksgiving Day, 1908, it was suggested by one of the speakers that something should be done to keep the boys off the streets Saturday nights. Evening schools and club activities are in progress during the week, but on Saturday nights it is noticeable that a larger number of boys are on the streets.

"There are always the theatres and

various places of amusements open, but what are we doing -you and I—to keep open house for these boys? Are we inviting them to something worth while? What can we do about it?

A member of the Red, White and Blue Club, hearing this challenge, brought the problem before the club. After consultation with Mr. Eliot, it was voted that on the first Saturday evening in January, 1909, the church parlors should be opened, games and reading matter provided, and a friendly word made ready for any boy who might chance to come in.

On the first evening, four boys were present; on the next eight; after which the number constantly increased, until now we have a usual attendance of twenty-eight or thirty.

At seven o'clock, when the door is

opened, there are always boys waiting to come in. First comes the hand shake by the friend who opens the door, with a word of greeting. A game is then chosen from the game table; or perhaps it is the reading table which attracts the guest, with its papers and magazines; or first of all a deposit of money is to be made in the "Stamp Savings Bank" of which we have a station.

At 8.15 o'clock the boys group themselves together to listen to a story or take part in an open debate. Then comes the whistling chorus, under the leadership of the pianist and conductor, chosen from one of the group. About quarter before nine cocoa is served; shortly after nine the last boy has said "good night," and often, indeed very often, a "Thank you," "Thank you for everything," is said as each one passes out, with another friendly hand-shake and "see you next Saturday night."

What does all this mean? It means patience, work, and expense, and above all that spirit of friendliness which makes "all the world akin."

The Red, White and Blue Club of Boston, and The Red, White and Blue Club of Brighton, have contributed toward the financial support of this Reading Room, and with the help of friends have made this undertaking possible.

What more is needed? Good games, reading matter, such as a subscription to a good magazine for boys, and the "wherewithall" to meet the current expenses. A visit now and then from you, our friends, to see what is being done, would be most welcome, and should you find time to join in a game of checkers or dominoes, you will not only give pleasure but find it.

EDITH L. JONES.

New Year Resolutions.

1. For the home: I will commend the good in other people, especially in children, before I begin to criticise or correct.
2. For business: I will be just.
3. For the church: I will be responsible for myself at least, and do my part. I will be loyal.
4. For the world: I will serve, and in order to serve I will fit myself for service.
5. For always: "I will look up and not down, forward and not back, out and not in, and I will lend a hand."

Christmas Celebrations.

Christmas has come again and gone, all too quickly, in spite of the fact that with preparations and preliminary celebrations it covered the whole month of December. Beginning with the Eliot Circle Christmas meeting, its spirit soon pervaded all the sessions of the Alliance, the Sunday School, and the Clubs. There were carols to be rehearsed and the Chorus Class was busy with "Noel," "Ring Out Wild Bells," and others. On the Sunday preceding Christmas Mr. Eliot preached upon "The Christmas Invitation," choosing for his text the words "All things are ready: come to the marriage feast." To accept the invitation was to welcome into one's heart and home the Christmas spirit.

Our celebration, not to speak of the wreaths and garlands and bright colors for decoration, included the Sunday School and Church services, the Christmas Tree on Wednesday and the Christmas Party on Friday. A special feature of the Sunday School Service was the reading of brief Christmas verses or texts selected by the classes. Every class responded. In the church service, the Sunday School united with the Congregation, singing the old, familiar Christmas hymns, and Mr. Eliot told the story of "Eager Heart."

The attendance at the Christmas Tree was large, there being over two hundred present. As usual, Santa Claus came with a surprise, and was as jolly as ever. The entertainment was Dickens' Christmas Carol, read by Mr. J. A. Barker and illustrated with stereopticon pictures.

On the Tuesday before, the teachers had met for supper and the regular work of preparation, evidence of which appeared in the bundles of presents and the beautifully decorated Tree. Ice cream and cake and horns of candy topped off a merry evening.

The Eliot Circle Party on Friday was another happy time for another two hundred with games, and singing, and presents, and the Tree; ice cream and cake of course; a free, jolly afternoon. To help entertain, Mr. Courtenay Guild sang several songs in his hearty way. Miss Wyman led the games as last year; and members of the Sphinx Club assisted. As at the "Christmas Tree," hearty cheers were generously bestowed upon the ministers and others, not forgetting Mr. Ellicott. Young and old, and there were some very young and

none too "very old," had a very happy time.

Nor did the Christmas end until the Sunday after, when the "Old Year" went out with Christmas Carols again and a cheery welcome to the New.

The Winkley Guild.

The meetings during December were particularly interesting, especially those of the 17th and 31st.

Children's Mission Sunday brought out splendid suggestions for another year, as to a study of the work being done in the city and elsewhere for children.

For various reasons the last two meetings have been held directly after church. It would be interesting to know the opinion of those who attended as to the advisability of following this plan next season.

The Guild takes this opportunity to wish all its past or present friends and members a happy New Year, and bespeaks a renewed and continual interest in its work.

It has been necessary to postpone the entertainment scheduled for Jan. 11th. Just what will be given, and when, will be announced in due season.

The meetings for January are as follows:

Jan. 14. Rev. Benjamin R. Bulkeley of Beverly, Mass.

Jan. 28. "Loyalty," Miss Emma J. Lang.

Howard Sunday School.

From Sunday to Sunday both teachers and scholars are interested in the record which appears upon the Attendance Bulletin Board. It was particularly interesting on Christmas Sunday and read as follows:

Number on the Roll	215
Attendance last Sunday	131
Attendance today	143
Record attendance	163
Collection last Sunday	\$7.50
Collection today	\$13.75

The great difference between the number enrolled and the number attending on any given Sunday is explained in part by the fact that many of the pupils are adults and that many, old and young, live at great distance from the church. It must be remembered also that the total enrolment includes some whose names cannot be kept for

another year. Nevertheless the average attendance ought to be higher.

The large collections reported were special, though we do well every Sunday.

The first was for Christmas decorations, including asparagus vine for Miss Merrill's picture at the Children's Mission, as well as for Christmas gifts for two of its children. The second was also for the Children's Mission, our regular Christmas offering, to be added to what had been given in the Sunday collections since Easter. Including these our Christmas contribution to the Mission amounted to \$64.55, the best yet. On Sunday, Dec. 31, a letter of appreciation from the Superintendent, Mr. P. B. Field, was read to the School.

The Annual Teachers' Meeting will be held at the church, on Friday, Jan. 12, at 7.30 P. M. Let every teacher be present, if possible.

Women's Alliance.

Two meetings were held in December. On Dec. 13, a study class, and on Dec. 20, an "Evening Meeting." At the latter Miss Annie F. Brown gave a most interesting account of her trip to Europe last summer, delightfully illustrated by the aid of the reflectoscope. Light refreshments followed Miss Brown's talk.

Two meetings will be held in January, a Study Class on Jan. 8, and the regular business meeting on Jan. 24, with an address by the Rev. Elmer S. Forbes on "Parish Organization for Social Service." The receipts from the Fair in November were \$539.00.

Recognition Sunday

On Recognition Sunday the Sunday School congratulates those of its members who have had the heart and health to enable them to register a perfect or nearly perfect attendance during the year. The Women's Alliance, Bulfinch Place Branch, gave the School last January the fine photograph of the Granduca Madonna which hangs on the west wall. This was its way of expressing interest in the School and wishing it a happy New Year. The Eliot Circle is our benefactor today, and we extend to all its members our hearty thanks.

A number of the Circle are members of the Home Department of the School, and others are regular members or have children who are.

Sunday Services.

3.15 P. M. Public worship.

1.45 P. M. Howard Sunday School.

7.00 P. M. The Winkley Guild (every other Sunday).

The church is open every day from 10 to 12 o'clock.

If and Perhaps

The following lines, sent to his friends by Mr. Edwin J. Lewis, Jr., are too good not to have a wider use. Whoever wrote them, they breath a spirit and teach a lesson which we may well take with us into the New Year. Thanks, my friend, for the message!

If every one were wise and sweet,
And every one were jolly;
If every heart with gladness beat,
And none were melancholy;
If none should grumble or complain
And nobody should labor
In evil work, but each were fain
To love and help his neighbor,
Oh, what a happy world 'twould be
For you and me—for you and me!

And if perchance we both should try
That glorious time to hurry,
If you and I—just you and I
Should laugh instead of worry:
If we should grow—just you and I
Kinder and sweeter hearted—
Perhaps in some near by and by
That good time might get started;
Then what a happy time 'twould be
For you and me—for you and me!

Eliot Circle.

The promise of the Christmas meeting was fulfilled and the spirit of good will has remained with us ever since.

The party was even a greater success than ever this year, giving pleasure to those who looked on as well as to those who participated.

Songs by Mr. Courtenay Guild and the playing by Mr. William Howell Read, Jr., added greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion.

Last year "Recognition Sunday" in the Sunday School was observed by the gift of a picture by the Women's Alliance. This year it is our pleasure to present to the School a copy of Zimmerman's "Christ and the Fisherman," in honor of those scholars with a perfect record.

We hope it will add to the attractiveness of our vestry and be of interest to all.

Items of Interest.

The Annual Teachers' meeting will be held in the parlors of the church on Friday, Jan. 12, at 7.30 P.M.

On Sunday, Jan. 21, Rev. Mr. Wedge of Lowell will preach. Those who heard his address before the Temperance Union in November will be glad that he is to speak again. Mr. Wedge is the Field Agent for the Massachusetts Anti-Saloon League.

The Sunday School Teachers' Union met at our church on Dec. 18, with 140 present. After a social half-hour in the parlors, supper was served, after which the meeting was held in the church. It was the Christmas meeting. Carols were sung by the Church of the Disciples Chorus, the Christmas story was beautifully told by Miss Dadmun, and addresses were made by Rev. Charles E. Park and Rev. B. R. Bulkeley. Our own teachers turned out in good numbers, seventeen being present.

The resignation of Rev. Alfred D. K. Shurtleff from the Church of Our Father, East Boston, will be a great surprise to many friends here. Into his new ministry, wherever that may be, their interest will follow him, hoping that it may be as happy and successful as the one he leaves. We do not forget that Mr. Shurtleff began his ministry in the Bulfinch Place Church.

A Wise Old Owl

"A wise old owl lived in an oak;
The more he heard the less he spoke,
The less he spoke the more he heard.
Why aren't we all more like that bird?"

Do and Say

Two brothers once lived down this way,
And one was Do and one was Say.
If the streets were dirty, taxes high,
Or schools too crowded, Say would cry,
"Lord, what a town!" But Brother Do
Would set to work to make things new.

And while Do worked, Say still would cry:

"He does it wrong! I know that I
Could do it right." So all the day
Was heard the clack of Brother Say.
But this one fact from none was hid;
Say always talked, Do always did.

Frederic Almy.

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NO. 1

Thanksgiving

I thank Thee that the light of sunlit lands,
And dipping hills, the breath of evening grass—
That wet, dark rocks and flowers in my hands
Can give me daily gladness as I pass.

I thank Thee that I love the things of earth;
Ripe fruits and laughter, lying down to sleep,
The shine of lighted towns, the graver worth
Of beating human hearts that laugh and weep.

I thank Thee that as yet I need not know,
Yet need not fear, the mystery of the end;
But more than all and though all these should go
Dear Lord, this on my knees! I thank Thee
for my friend.—*Juliet Wilbur Tompkins.*

The First Thanksgiving.

The following is an extract from a letter written on Dec. 11, 1621, at Plymouth, by Edward Winslow, one of the Pilgrim Fathers, and sent to a friend in England. Winslow was Governor of the colony in 1633, 1636 and 1644.

Loving and Old Friend:—

You shall understand that in this little time that a few of us have been here, we have built seven dwelling-houses and four for the use of the plantation, and have made preparation for divers others. We set the last spring some twenty acres of Indian corn, and sowed some six acres of barley and pease; and according to the manner of the Indians, we manured our ground with herrings, or rather shads, which

we have in great abundance, and take with great ease at our doors. Our corn did prove well; and, God be praised, we had a good increase of Indian corn, and our barley indifferent good, but our pease not worth the gathering, for we feared they were too late sown. They came up very well, and blossomed; but the sun parched them in the blossom.

Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might, after a special manner, rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of our labors. They four in one day killed as much fowl as, with a little help beside, served the company almost a week. At which time, amongst other recreations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming

amongst us, and among the rest their greatest king, Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted; and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the plantation, and bestowed on our governor, and upon the captain and others. And although it be not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God we are so far from want, that we often wish you partakers of our plenty.

We have found the Indians very faithful in their covenant of peace with us, very loving, and ready to pleasure us. We often go to them, and they come to us.

Thanksgiving in July, 1623.

"Having these many signes of God's favour and acceptation, we thought it would be great ingratitude, if secretly we should smother up ye same, or content ourselves with private thanksgiving for that which by private prayer could not be obtained. And therefore another solemn day was set apart and appointed for that end, wherein we returned glory, honour, and prayse with all thankfulness to our good God, which dealt so graciously with us, whose name for these and all other his mercies towards his Church and chosen ones, by them be blessed, and praysed now and evermore."

—Edward Winslow.

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Before the year 1774 Thanksgiving proclamations in Massachusetts closed with the prayer "God Save the King."

In 1774, still praying for "the smiles of their sovereign," this invocation was omitted.

In 1775 it was "God Save the People," and in 1776 the proclamation bore no concluding prayer. This was signed by John Hancock, President of the Provincial Congress.

In 1780 the symbolic Indian in the coat of arms of the Commonwealth first appears on the proclamation and the prayer was "God Save the People of the United States." It was signed by John Hancock, Governor.

In 1784, in the proclamation issued by James Bowdoin, Esq., Governor, we find for the first time the words used ever since, "God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

The proclamation of 1775, ending "God Save the People," was executed

at the Council Chamber, Watertown, and printed by Samuel and Ebenezer Hall, in their office in Stoughton Hall, Harvard College. It caused great excitement. Some of the ministers insisted on adding the prayer for the king. Rev. Daniel Rogers of Littleton did this, and though his people loved and venerated him, they rose as one man and demanded that he retract. An armed squad went to his house, and when the minister hesitated, they fired a volley into his front door.

Another minister, who insisted on adding "God Save the King" was put into the public pound and fed on herrings; and still another was made "to ride the rail" through the town. Those were strenuous days.

In the first Thanksgiving proclamation issued by George Washington, on Jan. 1, 1795, the people are urged to beseech the kind author of blessings "to preserve us from the arrogance of prosperity and from hazarding the advantages we enjoy by delusive pursuits, to dispose us to merit the continuance of his favors by not abusing them, by our gratitude for them, and by a correspondent conduct as citizens and as men, to render this country more and more a safe and propitious asylum for the unfortunate of other countries, to extend among as true and useful knowledge, to diffuse and establish habits of sobriety, order, morality and piety, and finally to impart all the blessings we possess, or ask for ourselves, to the whole family of mankind."

Harvest Festival.

On Thursday, Oct. 17, the Harvest Festival was held, with a large attendance and a splendid show of vegetables, fruit and flowers. The Sunday School classes contributed generously, filling many baskets and boxes; and a nest of fresh eggs came, as usual, from the primary class. Special gifts were received from friends in Billerica, Westwood, Belmont, and Middlebury, Vt., all most welcome. As arranged on the platform, the effect was really brilliant.

But the striking feature of the decorations was the array of gorgeous and stately sunflowers which served as a background for the Harvest display and for the very original chorus of young people, themselves costumed as sunflowers, with straight green dresses, black faces, and haloes like sunflowers. Altogether it was quite a show.

The entertainment consisted of old-time songs by the chorus, banjo solos with mandolin accompaniment by Harvard students, Thanksgiving readings by Miss Leon and Miss Elizabeth Lang. The leader of the chorus was Mr. Frank Storms of Harvard University, to whom its success was largely due. Everybody had a good time, and when Mr. Eliot read a part of Dr. Hale's Thanksgiving verses and called for "three cheers for the Harvest," they were given with a will. Next day, fifty-four baskets, big and little, were sent to as many homes.

Eliot Circle.

We are looking forward with a great deal of interest to our Colonial Fete which will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 20 and 21. Costumes and decorations will represent, as far as possible, times gone by. The candy table, in charge of Boston dames, will represent the Tontine Crescent; the Domestic, Cambridge dames, dressed in the 1847 costume; the fancy goods, Everett dames, in Pilgrim gowns; handkerchiefs, Martha Washington; children's clothing, Betsey Ross; children's table, furnished and presided over by the children of the Eliot Circle, and in charge of Mrs. Lang, Puritans; pickles and preserves, Quaker dames; dolls, in charge of a Milton dame.

Those who visit the John Hancock house any time during the day will find our Somerville dames ready to pour tea or chocolate for them.

We hope many of our friends will come for dinner from 12 till 2, and supper from 5 till 7. They will be served in the Green Dragon Tavern by our Continental dames. We cordially invite all to enjoy the occasion with us.

The Winkley Guild.

Three good meetings of the Guild have been held, according to the new program, with a story read at each. The earlier hour of meeting (6.30) seems to give satisfaction. Supper is served for those who wish it at 5.30. The attendance is gaining, especially of younger members. The next two meetings will be as follows:

Nov. 10. Jerome K. Jerome's "Passing of the Third Floor Back."

Nov. 24. Thomas Bailey Aldrich's "Quite So."

A pleasant feature at one meeting was singing by a quartet of Guild members.

Women's Alliance.

At the first regular meeting of the Alliance, an interesting and helpful address was given by Mrs. Claude U. Gilson, president of the Wellesley Women's Club, upon "The Child and the Daily Newspaper." She referred especially to the demoralizing influence of the comic pictures and sensational reports of crime. She said that many features of the newspapers, now most objectionable, had come to stay, but might be so changed as to do good. She urged parents and teachers to interest children in current events of living interest, illustrating from her own experience how successfully this can be done. A vote was passed commending the Boston Herald for its abandonment of the Comic Section and for substituting pictures of artistic merit.

The subject for the next Study Class on Nov. 13 will be "Our Duty to Our Neighbors," with papers by Miss Jones and Miss Stokes.

The preserve and pickle sale will come on Dec. 4.

A Stocking Party.

"Kind friend, we here present to you,

A dainty little stocking.

Please fill it full of pennies new

And to our church come flocking.

"As many cents as size you wear

And just as many more,

Place in the little sock with care,

Large size we'll not deplore.

"You'll have an entertainment rare,

A pagent that's a treat.

We hope you'll not your pennies spare

All ye who have big feet!"

Such was the invitation to the Historical Tableaux prepared by the Mildred Ellis Lend-a-Hand club for its friends, and to raise money for its work. And it was a treat "an entertainment rare." Beginning with cornet and piano selections by Mr. Charles H. Prescott, Miss Isabel Prescott, Miss Adrean and Miss Margaret Pileghaar, it was continued through a succession of tableaux illustrating scenes in American history from Columbus to Lincoln. These were given by the members of the club and their young friends, and were exceedingly well done! They included such scenes as Columbus crossing the Atlantic, Pocahontas saving the life

of Capt. John Smith, Pilgrims going to church, the Minute Men, Betsy Ross and the flag, and many others. A comical poem, "1492," was recited by Miss Ruth Brown, giving all a good laugh. At the conclusion of the entertainment the club, in a grand tableau, presented a fine picture of George Washington to Mr. Eliot for the Sunday School. This was a delightful surprise and the gift was most welcome.

Items of Interest.

First Stereopticon Lecture, Nov. 6—"Down in Dixie."

Mother Goose Carnival on Thursday Evening, Nov. 14. Everybody come.

Meeting of the Bulfinch Place Church Temperance Society, on Sunday, Nov. 17, at 4.15 o'clock.

Eliot Circle, "Colonial Fete," Nov. 20-21.

A Public Meeting of the Massachusetts Federation of Churches and the Greater Boston Federation will be held at King's Chapel on Tuesday Evening, Nov. 12, at 7.45 o'clock, with the following speakers: Rev. Alexander Mann, D. D., President of the Boston Federation; Rev. Charles F. Rice, D. D., President of the Massachusetts Federation; Rev. George Hodges, D. D., Dean of the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge; Rev. James E. Gregg, of Lowell and Rev. Raymond Calkins, D. D., of Cambridge.

At the Lend-a-Hand Conference, held at Belmont on Oct. 25, the following Bulfinch Place Church clubs were represented: The Eliot Circle, the John Howard, the Loyal Helpers, the Mildred Ellis, the Comfort Carriers. The next Conference will be held in the Unitarian Church, Somerville, in February.

The Gymnasium has opened with the same number of classes as last season: The West End House, Seniors on Monday and Thursday afternoons, the Swedish Club on Tuesday and Friday evenings. Mr. Ellicott's class meets on Tuesdays at 5.30 P. M.

The eightieth birthday of Mrs. Mary A. Flowers was pleasantly observed at the home of her daughter in West Medford in September. As Mrs. Flowers is one of our most devoted members, it will interest those who saw the Cathedral pictures, recently exhibited in the Sunday School, to know that she was born in England and christened in Lincoln Cathedral.

Bulfinch Place Church.

Sunday services: Public Worship at 3.15. Howard Sunday School at 1.45. The Winkley Guild at 7.

Open every week day from 10 to 12. Minister, Rev. Christopher R. Eliot, 2 West Cedar Street.

Church Calendar.

Saturdays—Sphinx Club classes, 9-12. Open house for boys from 7-9 P. M.

Nov. 5—Comfort Carriers' Club.

Nov. 6—Stereopticon lecture at 8.

Nov. 7—Teachers' meeting at 4.30.

Nov. 9—Mildred Ellis L. A. H. Club at 2.

Sunday, Nov. 10—Sunday School, 1.45. Church service 3.15. Winkley Guild 6.30.

Nov. 13—Stereopticon lecture at 8.

Nov. 14—Teachers' meeting at 4.30

Nov. 14—Mother Goose Carnival at 7.30.

Sunday, Nov. 17—Sunday School, 1.45. Church service 3.15. Temperance meeting 4.30.

Nov. 20—Stereopticon lecture at 8.

Nov. 20—Eliot Circle Fair, 10-10.

Nov. 21—Eliot Circle Fair, 10-10.

Nov. 21—Teachers' meeting 4.30.

Sunday, Nov. 24—Sunday School 1.45. Church service 3.15. Winkley Guild 6.30.

Nov. 27—Alliance, Business meeting, 2.30. Stereopticon lecture at 8.

Nov. 28—Teachers' meeting at 4.30.

Sunday, Dec. 1—Sunday School 1.45. Church service 3.15, followed by Communion.

Stereopticon Lectures.

The following course of lecture will be given during November and December.

Nov. 6. Down in Dixie, by Rev. George H. Bicknell, D. D.

Nov. 13. The Grand Canyon of Arizona, by Mr. Nat M. Brigham.

Nov. 20. British India, by Mr. Herbert D. Heathfield.

Nov. 27. Our National Park, by Mr. Nat M. Brigham.

Dec. 4. The Forefathers of Jamestown by Rev. George Hodges, D. D.

Dec. 11. Colonial and Revolutionary Music in New England, by Miss Alice W. Pope.

Members of our Church and Sunday School are requested to spread the good news of this most interesting course and to invite their friends. Single admissions cost ten cents, season tickets, twenty-five. Any one of the lectures will be worth the price for all.

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No. 2



"Glory to God in the Highest, Peace on Earth."

We all know the Christmas story, and we can all hear, if we will, the song of the angels in our hearts, as often as Christmas comes. Nay, more and better than that, we can all be part of the angel choir and sing that song ourselves, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

It is said that a Madonna by Raphael was recently sold in London for over half a million dollars. Wonderful, is it not, that a painting, centuries old,

should be considered so valuable! Wonderful the genius that could produce a picture that after four hundred years can yet command such a price! Wonderful that it should have been treasured all these years, to cross the Atlantic to our America.

But do we not think it more wonderful still that we have in our hearts the image of the Mother-love and the Christ-child of nineteen centuries ago? And is it not more wonderful that we may buy the treasure of Faith and

Hope and Love "without money and without price?" And, more wonderful still, is it not, that the Christmas story and the ideals of the religion Jesus taught have found their way, over land and sea, to every part of the world? All that remains is to accept them with all the mind and heart and live them into life indeed.

Christmas Announcements.

The Christmas service will be held on Sunday, Dec. 21. The Sunday school will meet at 2.30 P. M. for a short session and then unite with the congregation for the Christmas service at 3.15 P. M. It is hoped that the Sunday-school room will be ready for use on that Sunday. All members of the school are urged to be present.

The "Christmas Tree" will be on Wednesday, Dec. 31, at 7 P. M. Full notice in regard to parents' tickets and other matters will be given on the Sunday preceding. Each Sunday-school class has the privilege of inviting one guest, as last year, and we hope that all will do so. The Eliot Circle Party will be held on Friday afternoon, Jan. 2, at 2.30 o'clock.

The Winkley Guild.

A good meeting of the Guild was that in November addressed by Rev. Joseph P. MacCarthy of Waltham. He illustrated the lesson of "Making the best of Opportunities" by many striking examples of men and women who, though under great difficulties and handicaps, had by patient and persevering effort risen to great usefulness and power.

On Dec. 7 the speaker will be Rev. Palfrey Perkins of Brighton, and on Dec. 21 Miss Jones will speak upon "Child Labor."

On the evening of Dec. 12 the Guild will be entertained by the Lend a Hand Club of the Church of the Disciples. This invitation came soon after the "fire" and brought with it a cordial expression of sympathy and goodwill, and the hope was expressed that the meeting planned "would promote acquaintance and good fellowship between the two societies." That this end may be accomplished, besides the good time we are sure to enjoy, all the members of the Guild are urged to keep the date in mind and plan to go - Friday evening, Dec. 12, the Church of the Disciples, corner of Jersey and Peterborough streets. Take Chestnut Hill car from Park street.

Other Plans.

The gymnasium classes opened on Tuesday, Dec. 9, with a thoroughly renovated plant. The Swedish Club will meet on Tuesday and Friday evenings; the West End House Clubs on Mondays and Thursdays, afternoon and evening. Mr. Ellicott will organize his boys' class as soon as possible.

The New Year Reception will be a "house-warming" to celebrate the re-opening of our church building and all departments of our work. All the rooms will be open for inspection. Special invitations will be issued.

The "Pleasant Sunday Evenings" will be resumed on Jan. 11. These were so successful last year that we anticipate even greater success this season. Cards will be ready by Jan. 4, and the hearty, enthusiastic support and co-operation of all our friends, in or out of the church, is earnestly desired.

The Sphinx Club classes in music, sewing, etc., will reopen soon after Jan. 1.

The "Saturday Evenings" for boys will begin on Jan. 10, at 7 o'clock, conducted by the Red, White, and Blue Club Sr.

The annual meeting of the teachers of the Howard Sunday School will be held on Friday, Jan. 16, when reports of committees will be presented and the officers elected for the ensuing year.

Women's Alliance.

The subject of the last Study Class meeting was "Is the World Growing Better?" and it was discussed with vigor. The verdict was "Better, but with lots of room for improvement." The regular meeting was given to "Clean Markets and Pure Milk." Miss Wunderbaldinger, inspector for the Women's Municipal League, told about her work in a bright, interesting way, and said that she usually found the dealers ready to cooperate. She pointed out several ways in which customers themselves may help to keep the shops up to standard, by friendly suggestion, by refusing to deal with unclean shops, or by reporting such to the League, 6 Marlborough street, Boston.

The meetings of the Alliance for December will be held on the 10th and 17th. The Study Class on the 10th will discuss "Peace and The Hague Conventions." The meeting on Dec. 17 will be held in the evening, at 7.45. Miss Jane R. McGrady will speak on "City Amusements."

The Voice of the Christ-Child

The earth has grown old with its burden of care,
 But at Christmas 't always is young.
 The heart of the Jewel burns lustrous and fair,
 And its soul, full of music, breaks forth on the air,
 When the song of the angels is sung.

It is coming old earth, it is coming tonight!
 On the snowflakes which cover the sod,
 The feet of the Christ-child fall gentle and white,
 And the voice of the Christ-child tells out with delight,
 That mankind are the children of God.

On the sad and the lonely, the wretched and poor,
 That voice of the Christ-child shall fall;
 And to every blind wanderer opens the door
 Of a hope which he dared not to dream of before.
 With a sunshine of welcome for all.

The feet of the humblest may walk in the field,
 Where the feet of the Holiest have trod.
 This, this is the marvel to mortals revealed,
 When the silvery trumpets of Christmas have pealed,
 That mankind are the children of God.

—Phillips Brooks.

Eliot Circle.

The Christmas meeting will be postponed until December 12. On that day we hope to return to our own rooms, which will be a delight! Rev. Harold G. Arnold will speak to us and we know his message will be a helpful one. There will be music also, and we shall make plans for our Christmas work. On Tuesday, Dec. 16, we are to visit the Youth's Companion building to see how the little paper, which finds a welcome in our homes, is put together. Friends who wish to go will please meet just inside the main entrance on Columbus avenue, near Berkeley street, at a quarter before 2. Those who went with us to the Art Museum on Nov. 18 know how interesting these trips are. We hope for a large delegation.

The Temperance Union.

A very large meeting of the Temperance Union was held on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 30, at 4.15 o'clock. Many of those present made a special effort, knowing that this would be the last meeting at which, the President, Dr. Mary F. Hobart, could preside before

sailing for Europe. Though little was said openly, there was a deep feeling in every heart both of appreciation of Dr. Hobart's fidelity and enthusiasm as the Union's President and of gratitude for services of friendship and professional skill which she has rendered so generously for so many years and to so many people. We often express the spirit of our Christianity by the words good will and good cheer, and surely our President exemplifies these qualities in abundant and overflowing measure. At the end of the meeting a vote of gratitude and good wishes was passed and a vase of roses presented.

The address of the afternoon was given by Mrs. Elizabeth Tilton upon "The Temperance Poster Campaign," of which she is the executive head, and the Union voted to co-operate in the work by displaying the posters upon a bulletin board on the church.

In opening the meeting Dr. Hobart spoke of the purposes of the Union, Temperance, Good Citizenship and Neighborhood Improvement, and urged more of the church members to join. She spoke encouragingly of the work and thanked the members for their support, expressing her regret that she would not be able to take an active

part in the work on account of her change of residence. Mr. McMurdie spoke earnestly of the movement being started in the West for a constitutional amendment forbidding the manufacture and sale of intoxicants, and it was voted to refer this question to the central committee of the Unitarian Temperance Society for its careful consideration.

Our Work: An Appeal.

Our little paper is now in its tenth year and has become as much a part of the church and its work as anything under its roof. It carries its report of the church, Sunday-school and church affairs from the hills of Vermont to the Pacific Coast, taking its message of cheer and work done to many past and present members of the church. It is a cog in the wheel of our activities that would be much missed if its publication were discontinued. But to carry it on means that we must raise \$100 a year. Will those who have not renewed their subscriptions for the ensuing year please do so by sending 50 cents or more to Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, 110 Fuller street, Dorchester? Do any of our friends know of past or present members of our church, not now subscribers, who would be glad to be such? If so, please send their names and addresses to Mr. McMurdie.

Items of Interest.

The Christmas meeting of the Sunlay School Teachers' Union, which for two years has been held at Bulfinch Place Church, will be held this year at All Souls' Church, Roxbury.

The days before Thanksgiving were busy ones for Miss Stokes and her helpers. Ninety-one baskets of various sizes were sent out.

The Autumn course of stereopticon lectures was necessarily omitted but the course for the Winter and early Spring will be arranged as usual, to begin on Feb. 19.

Biennial Bazaar.

Friends and members of the Winkley Guild will be interested to know that the returns of the preserve and pickle table at which the Guild assisted were \$50.75 and that the total receipts of the Bazaar were a little over \$1600. The chairman for our Guild wishes to thank all those who helped either by their attendance at the fair or by contributions of articles or money.

Sunday Services.

- 3.15 P. M. Public worship.
- 1.45 P. M. Howard Sunday School.
- 6.30 P. M. The Winkley Guild (every other Sunday).

The church is open every day from 10 to 12 o'clock.

Repairs.

Another month has passed since the fire and great progress has been made in setting things to rights. The basement floor and ceiling have been cemented, closets and coal bins rebuilt, furnaces repaired, plumbing and electric lighting thoroughly overhauled and much improved. The Sunday-school and parlor floors have been laid, all damage to walls and woodwork repaired, ceilings and walls retinted, with new Tungsten lights and shades. The organ has been thoroughly cleaned and put in perfect order. The new shades are in place, as also the new electric lights on the balcony. The gymnasium lights have been changed to single Tungstens, the bath rooms asphalted and painted, a great improvement. The new windows for the lower story are expected soon and when in place the furniture can be brought back and the final touches given. It has been a long process, but the end is in sight, and when reached will be a good one.

A very delightful surprise came to Mr. and Mrs. Eliot in the shape of a gift of over \$1000 from about fifty outside friends, to be used for the present needs of the church. The letter which accompanied the cheque was heart-warming. The gift, it said, is "a token of our warm affection and our appreciation of all that you have done and are doing. We hope that you will use the money for the present needs at Bulfinch Place Church in any way that you think best."

Speaking the Truth in Love.

Oh, the sweetness of sweet words! Oh, the beauty of truth spoken in love! Happy the family where rising irritation is calmed by the soft tender voice which comes like balm into the wounded spirit! Happy the church where the minister is not so much a son of thunder as a son of consolation, whose words attract souls, win hearts to God, and who does not drive, but draw men through the magnetism of his own convictions, conduct, and life!

James Freeman Clarke.

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No. 4

JOSEPH TUCKERMAN D. D.

1778 - 1840

Minister of the First Church of Christ in Chelsea

1801-1826

Minister - at - Large in Boston 1826 - 1840

A Wise Student of Social Problems

A Farseeing Prophet of Beneficent Reforms

A Pioneer in Scientific Philanthropy

An Efficient, Public-spirited Citizen

"His Best Monument is the Ministry-at-Large
His Most Appropriate Title, the Friend of the Poor"

This Tablet is Erected to Honor his Memory and
To inspire later Generations with his Ideals

1913

A MEMORIAL TABLET

The inscription given above is that on the tablet recently placed in our church in honor of Rev. Joseph Tuckerman and the service he rendered to Boston. The tablet is of dark oak, simple but very beautiful, and the carved letters are filled with a composition of silver and aluminum. It has been placed upon the rear wall, on the left, matching the mosaic tablet, on the right, in memory of Charles Faulkner. It is interesting to have these two tablets so near together, for Dr. Tuckerman was virtually the founder of Bulfinch Place Chapel and the first minister of the Howard Sunday School, while Mr. Faulkner was a teacher in the Sunday school for fifty years and one of the most loyal and generous friends this church has known.

The story of Dr. Tuckerman's humble

beginning as minister-at-large is familiar to us all—first in the loft of a paintshop, on the corner of Merrimac and Portland streets, then in Friend Street Chapel, and then Pitts Street Chapel; and of all this Bulfinch Place Chapel was the immediate successor.

The Howard Sunday School began on the Sunday following Dr. Tuckerman's beginning (Dec. 3 and Dec. 10, 1826), and its history has continued side by side with the church ever since, each helping the other.

How rich both are in memorials of the past! The last to be erected, in memory of Dr. Tuckerman, hints the purpose of all, namely, to inspire us and later generations with the ideals of the noble men and women they commemorate.

New Year's Reception.

The New Year's reception, on Friday evening, Jan. 9, was also a "house-warming" in honor of our renovated church. The whole building, from top to bottom, was thrown open for inspection. There were between two and three hundred guests present, including representatives from the Fraternity of Churches, the Howard S. S. Club, the Tuckerman Circle, and all our own societies. In the receiving line were Mr. and Mrs. Eliot, Mr. and Mrs. Young and Miss Jones. Many flowers had been sent in honor of the occasion, which, with the prettily arranged refreshment tables and the new electric lights made the room very gay. During the reception, Mr. William Howell Reed, Jr., played "conversation music" upon our new piano, and later Miss Rosetta Key sang. Addresses of congratulation and good cheer were made by Rev. Edward Cummings for the "Fraternity," Mrs. Caroline A. Atherton for the New England Alliance, and Mr. Eliot for the church itself. Mr. Cummings' address will be remembered for its text, "Shine Inside," Mrs. Atherton's for the graceful compliments paid the church and its workers, and Mr. Eliot's for its expression of gratitude for the sympathy and generous assistance of our many friends since the fire, not forgetting the contractors and workmen and Mr. N. Winthrop Robinson, who represented the "Fraternity" in superintending.

An important part of the program was the presentation of the beautiful tablet which has been erected in the church in memory of the founder of the ministry-at-large, Rev. Joseph Tuckerman. The presentation address was made by Mrs. Eben Dale. She said that the first gift for the tablet (\$75.) came from the Tuckerman Sewing Circle, a society which was formed at the beginning of Dr. Tuckerman's ministry in Boston and has continued its helpful work ever since. The Howard S. S. Club and other friends contributed over \$200, to complete the amount needed, and the services of our good friend Mr. Francis R. Allen, who designed the tablet in memory of Mr. Winkley, were again secured. Mrs. Dale referred to some of the leading facts in Dr. Tuckerman's life, to show the honored place he holds in the history of modern philanthropy and also of this church, and then presented the tablet in the name of the Tuckerman Circle and Howard S. S. Club, to Mr. Eliot, representing the church.

To this Mr. Eliot responded briefly, thanking these friends for this new token of loyalty to the sacred memories and ideals of this church, and calling attention to the growing appreciation of Dr. Tuckerman's work among present-day students of philanthropy. He accepted the tablet as a fitting tribute to a great man and an inspiration for those who are carrying on his work.

The evening closed with singing Mr. Longfellow's lines:

"O life that maketh all things new,

The blooming earth, the thoughts of men,

Our pilgrim feet, wet with thy dew,

In gladness hither turn again."

The Alliance Fair.

The St. Valentine Fair, long expected but postponed on account of the fire, will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 11, and Thursday, Feb. 12, from 10 A. M. to 10 P. M.

Luncheon both days from 12 to 2.30, and supper from 5.30 to 7.30. Also afternoon tea from 3.30 to 5.30.

An entertainment each evening at 8 o'clock. Among those taking part will be Mr. Edward A. Osgood, baritone; Mr. Melvin Bryant, violinist, and Mrs. George H. Root, reader; Miss Marjorie Homer and Miss Baker, piano and songs.

There will be tables of household and fancy articles, bags, handkerchiefs, towels, preserves and candies. The Eliot Circle will have a valentine table and the Sunday school one with articles contributed by the classes.

Everybody is urged to come and bring friends.

The Church Meeting.

The regular church meeting was held on Thursday evening, Jan. 29. Forty-six members and friends were at the supper, and as usual this was a pleasant part of the meeting. Indeed, our church suppers are not unlike the original "agapae" or love-feasts of the disciples. The following committees were chosen for the ensuing year: Hospitality—Mr. Joseph Jones, Mrs. Susan Putnam, Mrs. Elizabeth Lang, Mrs. Margaret Humphreys, Miss Marion Foster. Supper Committee—Miss E. L. Jones, Mrs. Hattie Wildes, Mrs. Caroline Fritz, Mrs. Putnam, Miss Abigail A. Eliot and Miss Foster.

After the supper the devotional meeting was held. Mr. Eliot referred to the death of Miss Abbie Orcutt, who united

with the church in 1860, and spoke of her beautiful character and faithful service both in the Sunday school and the church. The two roses, which are placed upon the table at these meetings in memory of Miss Merrill, were sent to Miss Martha Orcutt. Mr. Eliot took for the text of his address the covenant of the Church of the Disciples (also used by others)—“In the freedom of Truth and in the Spirit of Jesus Christ, we unite for the Worship of God and the Service of Man.” Taking this phrase by phrase he showed how comprehensive these few brief words are and how well they express the spirit and purposes of our own church.

Eliot Circle.

The luncheon which was given on Friday, Jan. 16, was greatly enjoyed. The new tables, replacing those lost in the fire, were spread in the parlors. We had as special guests Mr. and Mrs. Eliot. The object sought was a better acquaintance among the members, and certainly it seemed to be accomplished. Such a friendly spirit prevailed that none could resist it. After the removal of the plates we had a little talk by our councillor and then about twenty of our members had a word to say.

“Such a good time,” was heard on all sides; “do let this be an annual affair.”

We are now busily planning for St. Valentine's Fair, which will be held by the Alliance on Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 11 and 12. We shall have charge of the valentine table, where valentines of all descriptions, birthday cards, and also the new postals of the church will be for sale. Please come prepared to get your supplies of us, for the sale comes so early you will have ample time to send your valentines by mail, if you wish. There will also be a postbox in charge of one of our members who will make sure that the contents reach their destination safely. Invite all your friends and come for lunch or supper, and a good time.

It will be remembered that the Circle took charge of one of the Pleasant Sunday Evenings last season, and what a good time everybody enjoyed.

They will do the same next Sunday, Feb. 15, when they have engaged the Italian Singing Club of the North End to give a concert. There will be a reader also. All members are asked to take a special interest in this Evening.

Howard Sunday School.

The annual meeting of the teachers was held on Jan. 15, at 80 Beacon street, where they were most hospitably entertained by Miss Faulkner.

After the “lesson” and the reading of the report of the last annual meeting, the usual reports of committees were given, as follows: Recording Secretary, Christmas Tree, Entertainments, Children's Mission, Teachers' Meetings, Historian, Lend-a-Hand Work, Superintendent's report, etc. These indicated that the year's work had gone forward much as usual and with reasonable success. Starting with 189 members, the average attendance has been 115. There were 23 teachers and officers. Eighteen new scholars were added during the year, but a larger number have dropped out, leaving the school smaller—175 on Jan. 1. Several new scholars have entered since.

The attendance banner has been held by one class on nine Sundays and by another on eight. The general order and interest of the school have been excellent. Mr. Eliot referred to the inconveniences caused by the fire, expressed his gratification at the loyalty of the school during this time of trial, and thanked the teachers for their faithfulness. To this the success of the school is largely due.

Last year's officers and committees were re-elected. Two suggestions were made by the Historian, first that a more careful record be kept of the dates when pupils enter or leave the school, and second, that no pupil be considered a member of the school in full standing until having been present three Sundays. These suggestions were adopted.

The meeting closed as usual with singing “Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing.”

Stereopticon Lectures.

The course of Stereopticon Lectures will begin on Feb. 25 at 8 P. M. and continue for six Wednesday evenings. Among the subjects already arranged are the following: “A Summer in Norway,” by Mrs. Minnie Eliot Tenney Peck; “Beautiful England: in Picture and Word,” by Rev. Charles W. Wendte. The full program will be announced later. Tickets for the course will be sold at 25 cents; single admission, 10 cents.

The New Men's Club.

A meeting was held on Jan. 27, in the church parlors, to organize a Men's Club. Seventeen men were present and sixteen signed as charter members. Mr. Eliot was chosen temporary chairman and Mr. Edgar Nickerson temporary secretary.

After a very interesting address by Mr. Samuel Nobbs, organizer of Laymen's Clubs for the Unitarian Association, and after full discussion, the following votes were passed:

1. That a Men's Club be formed at once.
2. That its officers be a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Trustee.
3. That a Committee of Three be elected to draft by-laws for the club and report at its next meeting. Mr. William G. Ellicott, Mrs. Walter Lewis and Mr. O. A. McMurdie were elected.
4. That nominations for the various offices as above provided be made from the floor at once, but that the lists remain open and that the election take place at the next meeting. In accordance with this vote nominations were made for all the offices.

5. That the next meeting be held on the third Thursday in February at 8 P. M.

All present were enthusiastic about the club and a steady increase in membership is expected. A hearty invitation is extended to all who wish to join. The purpose of the club, as at present outlined, is threefold, Mutual Acquaintance, or Fellowship; Discussion of Topics of the Day; Friendly Service. The possibilities for such a club are most interesting. It is to be thoroughly democratic. A good motto would be "A man's a man for a' that." The door stands wide open.

At the close of the meeting coffee and sandwiches and cake were served, Mrs. Lewis and Miss Edna Jones and Miss Stokes presiding.

Guild Entertainment.

The Winkley Guild announces a most attractive entertainment for Thursday evening, March 5. The Lend-a-Hand Dramatic Club of Boston will give a play, "The District School." In addition, there will be a musical program. Candy will be for sale. Tickets may be obtained from members of the Guild at 25 cents. The proceeds of the entertainment will be used for the work of the Guild. All friends are urged to take an interest and help sell the tickets.

Church Calendar.

- Saturdays—Sphinx Club Classes, 9-12.
 Open House for boys, 7-9 P. M.
 Tuesdays.—Children's Hour, 4-5.
 Feb. 8.—Sunday School, 1.45. Church Service, 3.15. Pleasant Sunday Evening, 7.30.
 Feb. 11.—St. Valentine's Fair, 10-10.
 Feb. 12.—St. Valentine's Fair, 10-10.
 Feb. 12.—Teachers' Meeting, 4.00
 Feb. 15.—Sunday-school, 1.45. Church Service, 3.15; Winkley Guild, 6.30; Pleasant Sunday Evening, 7.30.
 Feb. 19.—Teachers' Meeting, 4.00.
 Feb. 19.—Men's Club, 8.00
 Feb. 22.—Sunday-school, 1.45. Church Service, 3.15; Pleasant Sunday Evening, 7.30.
 Feb. 25.—Women's Alliance, 2.30.
 Feb. 26.—Teachers' Meeting, 4.00.
 Mar. 1.—Sunday-school, 1.45. Church service, 3.15; Winkley Guild, 6.30; Pleasant Sunday Evening, 7.30.

Pleasant Sunday Evenings.

Three have been held with encouraging results. As last year the programs are varied and the meetings informal. Rousing hymns are sung, followed by a musical program and interesting talks. On one evening it was "Japan," with beautiful pictures; on the next, violin solos, songs, and piano selections, with an illustrated talk on Child Labor; on the third, a stirring address by Rev E. A. Horton on "The State House on Beacon Hill and What It Signifies."

It is very gratifying that so many men accept our invitation. There were 80 on the last evening. Let everyone invite his neighbor. We need the women, too. Everyone can help to make these evenings not only pleasant but inspiring.

Lend-a-Hand Clubs.

The annual meeting of the John Howard L. H. Club was held Jan. 27. The annual reports showed the club had had a successful year. The following officers were elected—President, Mrs. Christopher R. Eliot; first vice president, Dr. Mary F. Hobart; second vice-president, Miss Edith L. Jones; secretary, Miss Elinor W. Crocker; treasurer, Miss Mary Skimmings. The club is again to collect old rubber to sell, and any one having old rubbers, automobile tires, etc., to dispose of may bring them to the church where they will be gladly received by Miss Jones. The club is to have a Delicatessen Table at the May Festival and Sale.

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FLOWERS OR VEGETABLES?

What are these children doing? Evidently, making a garden. They are digging and hoeing and breaking up the soil with their hands. One has stopped for a moment to look at us out of the picture, but they all seem greatly interested in their work. Indeed, we wonder whether it is work or play? Whichever they would call it, it is plain enough that they are having a good time. What fun it is to dig and hoe and plant and watch things grow!

Perhaps you wonder what these children are going to plant—flowers or vegetables? Some would guess flowers, because they like flowers best and because flowers are so beautiful; and some would guess vegetables, because vegetables are good to eat and therefore so useful. For my part I hope it will be both, and I want to tell you why.

The reason is this, that all of us, even

children, need both, the beautiful and the useful, in our daily lives. And why? Anyone can tell why we need the useful things—because we need houses, and clothes, and food, and everything to keep us well and strong in body and mind. There are hundreds of things we need, though not so many as some people think. When we go camping, for example, we find out how comfortable and happy we can be without a good many of them. Why not simplify our lives all along the line?

But why do we need beautiful things? First, because they give us so much pleasure. We enjoy beautiful things and they help to make us happy; evidently God wants us to be happy.

"If eyes were made for seeing,
Then beauty is its own excuse for being."

But another and better reason is that beauty ministers to the soul and helps us to live a more beautiful life. Bread and butter are necessary for the body, but a vase of flowers on the breakfast table cheers the heart. The morning paper brings us the latest news, but a beautiful poem, or a psalm, lifts us nearer heaven. The rattle of carts and the whirr of machinery prove that the world's necessary work is going on, but a few notes from the piano, or a song, may remind us that we belong to a world that is eternal. We need life's prose but also its poetry. We need the practical things, but also a generous supply of sentiment. We need the useful, but the beautiful even more.

So when we are planting our gardens with vegetables—potatoes and onions and peas—let us not forget the flowers, but find some space for heliotrope, and sweet alyssum, and roses, and sweet peas, and mignonette.

Summer Plans.

The Sunday School will close on June 21 and open again on Sept. 20. The Sunday School Rally will be held on Sept. 25.

The church services will continue for two Sundays in July and be resumed on Sept. 13. The July services will be held in the morning at 11 o'clock.

The church will be open every week-day during the summer from 10 to 12 o'clock. Miss Jones will be away during July, when Miss Crocker will take her place. Miss Stokes will be in charge of the Vacation House at North Andover, but will keep her days at the church until July.

The Flower Mission work will continue during the summer, the Benevolent Fraternity on Fridays, the Mutual Helpers on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Any persons knowing of sickness in the parish, or other need, will kindly report the same to Mr. Eliot or one of the assistants. Visitors will be welcomed at the church, and we wish to keep in touch with the Parish as closely as possible during the vacation season.

The work of the District Nursing Association will go on regularly all summer. Anyone in the West End or North End needing a visiting nurse may apply at the church in person or by letter. Few realize how much good this association is doing. The general headquarters for the city is at 561 Massachusetts avenue.

Day excursions or picnics will be planned during the summer, to give many of our children, and others also, a glimpse of seashore and country.

Howard Sunday School.

The quarterly teachers' meeting was held on May 15, at the house of the superintendent, with a good attendance. After the "lesson" and the minutes of the last meeting, several matters of interest were considered and voted upon: 1. To celebrate Memorial Sunday on May 31, with John Howard as the "hero of peace" to be specially remembered. Miss Martha M. Eliot was appointed to give an account of his life and work. 2. To observe Sunday, June 21, as Flower Sunday, and to make this the closing Sunday of the season. Miss Brown was appointed to arrange the program and Miss Leon to have charge of the decorations. 3. To continue the present lesson book into the next session, Sunday School to open on Sept. 20. 4. To print cards of summer readings, to be selected from the Parables and the Psalms. These to be arranged by Miss Stokes. 5. To send delegates to the annual meeting of the Unitarian Sunday School Society. Mrs. Breed, Miss Lillibridge, and Miss Skimmings were appointed. 6. To have a special Temperance Sunday next season with the following committee in charge: Mrs. Eliot, Mrs. Savell, Miss Foster, and Mr. McMurdie.

Mrs. Eliot, speaking for the Women's Alliance, thanked the teachers, and through them the Sunday School, for the successful part the school took in the Alliance Fair. The Sunday school table cleared over forty dollars.

Lend a Hand Clubs.

The annual meeting of the Lend a Hand Clubs was held on Friday, April 24, in the parlors of the church. There was a good attendance of delegates and friends. Interesting reports were read from ten clubs showing that the interest in the good work had not failed during the year and that many a heart had been cheered and many a burden lightened. Two violin solos were played during the evening by Master Edwin Walker. The following officers were elected for the coming year. President, Rev. C. R. Eliot; vice-president, Mrs. Ellen Archer; secretary, Miss Elinor W. Crocker; treasurer, Miss Gertrude C. Rogers. After the business of the even-

ing was transacted light refreshments were served.

The annual May Festival and sale was held on May 8, and in spite of a very stormy evening there was a large attendance, and the usual good time was enjoyed. There were tables for the sale of candy, lemonade, May baskets, ice cream and cake. There were two new features, a delicatessen table, and Mrs. Wiggs with her "cabbage patch," each person buying a cabbage and finding a gift inside of it. The entertainment consisted of a reading from Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch, followed by dancing the Virginia Reel by Mrs. Wiggs and her children. There was also fancy dancing by Miss Woodside and the usual May-pole dance in which the children of the cabbage patch again took part. The receipts from the sale were good.

Old Ladies' Party.

The 67th Old Ladies' Party was held on Wednesday, June 10, from 3.30 to 7 p. m.

The weather was propitious and the flowers for decoration and bouquets most abundant. The parlors never looked more beautiful—peonies, irises, syringa, roses, everywhere, and one hundred and fifty bouquets.

The program included, as usual, an hour of sociability, an entertainment, and a strawberry supper. The entertainment was a little play, "Oysters," by six young ladies, and songs by Miss Florentine and Mr. Fox.

One hundred and thirty-two guests, including Mr. and Mrs. Eliot, were present. Several were over eighty years of age and one over ninety, Mrs. Bicknell, the widow of Rev. Mr. Bicknell, whose last settlement was at Rowe, Mass.

Early in the afternoon, George Oswald Poehler, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Poehler of West Medford, was christened. His great-grandmother, Mrs. Woods, and his grandmother, Mrs. Johnson, were present.

The baby represented the fourth generation in this family to be christened in Bulfinch Place Church or Pitts St. Chapel.

Special messages and greetings were sent to Mrs. Gorham at Northampton, Mrs. Dillaway at Williamstown, Miss Martha Orcutt and Mr. George D. Upham, all of whom have for many years helped to make these parties successful.

Women's Alliance.

After a good winter's work, the Women's Alliance closed its meetings for the season on May 6. This was the annual meeting, when the members met for a luncheon, following the reports and election of officers. To tell what the year's work has been would be a long story, but the members ought to feel gratified with its success. Several hundred dollars have been contributed to different causes and the usual gifts made to our own church, amounting to over one hundred dollars. But this is only a part of the good work, for the Cheerful Letter Exchange, the Post Office Mission, the Tract Distribution, the Literature Committee, the Study Class, and the regular meetings once a month, have all added their part. The Alliance fills a place no other organization does. It stands for our Unitarian faith and the work of our denomination. The members are loyal and look forward to even better work next season.

The preliminary meeting in the fall will be held on Sept. 30, and the first regular meeting on the fourth Wednesday in October. This meeting will be held in the morning, followed by a box luncheon.

The Winkley Guild.

The Annual Meeting of the Guild was held on Sunday, May 17. Miss Emma J. Lang presided. After the reports, the following list of officers was elected: President, Miss Abigail A. Eliot; Vice-President, Miss Emma J. Lang; Secretary, Miss Emma Fritz; Treasurer, Miss Edna Jones; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. O. A. McMurdie; Chairman of Service Committee, Mr. O. A. McMurdie; Chairman of Entertainment Committee, Mr. George Easternman.

The Men's Club.

A "Ladies' Night" was held by the Bulfinch Place Fellowship Club on May 21, at which a large number of guests were present. The entertainment was furnished by the Forbes Club of Dorchester, a club of young men connected with the First Parish. Meeting House Hill. It consisted of Folk Dances and a Minstrel performance called King Dodo's Coronation, very lively and amusing. Music was provided by a small orchestra in charge of Mr. Roy Sisson, and by a chorus of young people representing sev-

eral churches. Everything went off well and everybody had a good time. Refreshments were served, the men doing the waiting. The club extends a hearty vote of thanks to the young people who so generously gave the entertainment. The next meeting of the Fellowship Club will be held in September.

Eliot Circle.

A beautiful day and large attendance marked the closing meeting of the season. Mr. Eliot spoke to us of the significance of our club flower, the American Beauty Rose. As he unfolded its meaning who could but rejoice that such a lovely emblem is ours.

The Vacation House opened for the season on Monday, June first, with fourteen guests. North Andover is beautiful now, and all who can come this month will find it well worth while. Please apply to Miss Stokes at the church on Tuesday or Friday or write to the Charlotte Home. Circulars may be had if desired.

Our picnic this year will be held at Oak Island. Those who wish to go down with the first party will be on hand at Atlantic Ave. at ten o'clock. Others can come at any time during the day. Boats leave frequently. Please buy one way tickets only. Bring lunch and drinking cup for coffee. Plans are in progress for a good time. Everybody will be welcomed for a happy day out of doors.

Pleasant Sunday Evenings.

The attendance at the Pleasant Sunday Evenings was very satisfactory, rising above 170 on three occasions. One evening was in charge of the Eliot Circle, and other church societies have given their assistance. The programs have included the following: Concert by the Italian Singing Club; Stereopticon Lecture upon George Washington by Mr. Charles H. Johnson; musical selections by the Edison Disc Phonograph; Stereopticon Lecture by Rev. Charles E. Park upon "The Pilgrim's Progress;" The Struggle for Liberty in Russia, by Rev. Thomas Van Ness; Garden Cities, by Mr. Frederick M. Eliot; Concert, arranged and conducted by Mr. George M. Taylor.

Items of Interest.

Sunday, June 21, will be Flower Sunday. A service will be held at 3.15 for the Sunday School and congregation combined. There will be speaking by

some of the children and an address to the Sunday School. All the parents and other members of the congregation are cordially invited. Contributions of flowers for the decorations are solicited; and canary birds are specially invited.

Anniversary week was as busy as ever at all the centers, our own church included. Luncheons were served here on five days, to a total of about 2,000 persons. The Fellowship for Social Justice held its meetings in our church on Thursday, morning and afternoon, and the Meadville Alumni met for luncheon and their annual meeting on Wednesday.

The John Howard Lend a Hand Club held its May meeting at the house of Miss E. L. Jones, its vice-president, on May 19. Miss Stearns, head nurse for the West End district, gave a most interesting account of the work of the Instructive District Nursing Association, which has its West End headquarters in our church. The meeting was fully attended, only two members being absent. Appropriations were voted for the Flower Mission, the Floating Hospital and a number of other objects.

The Comfort Carriers' Club met for its closing meeting on June 2, at Mrs. Eliot's house. It was a social as well as a business meeting. There are now sixteen members. It was voted to have a children's picnic at Nantasket, each member inviting one child. The club will have a members' picnic also sometime in July.

I have never seen any persons who met anxiety, pain, sorrow, or death more calmly, more bravely, or with more resignation or more serenity than the Unitarians. The Unitarian faith is dear to me because I was born into it, and educated in it; and because I have found it to be in my own personal experience, and in my observation of others, the most cheerful faith in the world in times of ease and prosperity, and the surest reliance of any faith in the world in times of trial and adversity. . . . If I am thankful for anything in this world, as I often am for the many privileges of my lot, I am thankful I was born into and have always lived in the simple, fundamental convictions of our Unitarian faith. To propagate that faith is, to my thinking, a holy thing, a sacred duty. — Charles W. Eliot, President Emeritus of Harvard University.

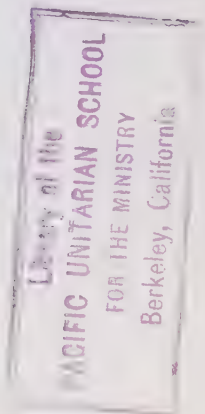
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IN THE MONTH OF MAY

In New England, Spring cannot be said to have fairly begun until the month of May. April, and even March, brings us occasional days when we are tempted to say "The Spring has come," but not until May are we safe. Then indeed, in spite of East winds and cloudy skies, we find the pear trees in blossom, the forsythia and other shrubs blooming, and our Public Garden, the joy of Boston, clad in its "coat of many colors." So when May has arrived, shall we not take time, or make it, to look, and listen, and enjoy?

"Wreaths for the May! for happy
Spring
Today shall all her dowry bring,

The love of kind, the joy, the grace,
Hymen of element and race,
Knowing well to celebrate
With song and hue and star and
state,
With tender light and youthful
cheer,
The spousals of the new-born year."

What then shall this wonderful month bring to us? Anniversaries and a feeling that the strenuous work of the winter is over? Yes, and a delightful sense of freedom as we open the windows and begin to share with birds and trees the out-of-doors. But is that all, or the best of it? Shall it not mean a new birth of enthusiasm, of soul-

freedom, of happy union and communion with the Good, the True and the Beautiful, and a new beginning of "the Life that maketh all things new?" Read Emerson's "May-Day," from which the above quotation and the following are taken:

"Under gentle types, my Spring
Masks the might of Nature's King,
An energy that searches thorough
From chaos to the dawning morrow;
Into all our human plight,
The soul's pilgrimage and flight;
In city or in solitude,
Step by step, lifts bad to good,
Without halting, without rest,
Lifting Better up to Best;
Planting seeds of knowledge pure,
Through earth to ripen, through
heaven endure."

Saturday Evenings.

Saturday evening, April 24, brought to a close the sixth season of the Saturday night open-house for the boys of our neighborhood. The aggregate attendance has been over one thousand, the average attendance from forty to fifty.

Every Saturday for the past six months at 7 P. M., the door of our church has been opened to welcome the boys, many of whom have been waiting at that time to come in. The friendly greeting, playing of games, depositing money in the stamp savings bank, and once a month the treat of stories told by Mr. John Cronin, who always interests the boys in good stories and helps them to select good reading, has made up the season's work.

The closing night brought a record attendance of 73. Words of friendly interest were spoken and recognition was made of their orderly behavior. Ice cream was served, the gift of the Lend-a-Hand clubs of this church. Cake was also given by individual members of the clubs.

Appreciation of this gift was shown as only 73 boys can express such feelings, with applause and cheers, which rang out loud and long.

To those who have come the nearest to this "princely service," watching from week to week, month to month, year to year, the development and growth of the boys, it has seemed well worth all the time, strength, and money required to accomplish it.

Many thanks to those who have helped in any way to continue this

work of the Red, White and Blue club of Boston.

Surely the spirit of this service is in keeping with the motto of this club: "One for all and all for one."

Edith L. Jones.

Eliot Circle.

The second Social Lunch of the season, held on April 16, proved to be a more enjoyable occasion than any previous one. The reason for this was that sixty of the guests responded to the suggestion that they should come provided with a favorite quotation. It certainly was most enjoyable to all. In spite of the fact that the day was very stormy, seventy-six members sat down at the table together.

Our members will remember the May Festival to be held on Friday evening, May 14. This is one of the most enjoyable festivals of the year. We shall be found in the parlors, as usual, ready to serve ice-cream and cake to all comers.

The Charlotte Home will open for the season on Monday, May 31. Circulars are ready and applications may be made at any time. June is a beautiful month at North Andover, and those who come then will be assured of better accommodations and greater quiet than later in the season, when the house is full. We hope that those who can will avail themselves of the opportunity to come early in the season.

Katherine R. Stokes.

The Winkley Guild.

The Winkley Guild will hold its regular Sunday meeting on Sunday, May 9th. The subject will be "The Progress of Mankind Onward and Upward forever."

The annual May Festival and sale of officers and transaction of business will be held on Friday evening, May 21st. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance at this meeting for much important business will be talked over and reports of the year's work given.

Lend-a-Hand Clubs.

The annual May Festival and Sale of the clubs will be held on Friday, May 14th, at 7:30 o'clock.

There will be tables for the sale of candy, lemonade, May baskets, flowers, a table for the sale of five and ten-cent notions, a fish pond, and ice cream and cake. The entertainment will consist of a Rose Dance and the crowning of the

May Queen, and a short sketch entitled: "1750 and 1912." An unusually good time is anticipated and a most cordial invitation is extended to all members and friends.

The John Howard club is again to have a delicatessen table at the festival; home cooked food will be for sale. Any one wishing a light supper will be accommodated. Tea and coffee will be served.

At the annual meeting of the Lend-a-Hand Clubs, held April 23, the following officers were elected: President, Rev. C. R. Eliot, Vice-president, Mrs. E. M. H. Archer; Secretary, Miss Elinor W. Crocker; Treasurer, Miss Gertrude C. Rogers.

The annual meeting of the Lend-a-Hand Society will be held this year on the Saturday preceding Anniversary Week, May 22, at 2 P. M., in the vestry of Park St. Church. After the business there will be a Public Meeting to which the clubs are requested to send large delegations. At this meeting the superintendent, Miss Brown, will speak of the year's work and two addresses will be given, as follows: "What Can Young People Do For Public Health?" by Dr. Richard C. Cabot; "Women's Clubs and Community Welfare," by Mrs. Frank L. Young, president of the Boston City Federation of Women's Clubs.

Anniversary Week.

Again the year comes round to Anniversary Week, with its special interests and work—May 24-28.

As usual there will be luncheons served at our church every day by the Hospitality Committee, and some of our own people will find it a busy time. It will be a happy and also a useful service to render.

Among the many interesting meetings of the week the following may be specially noted:

Daily Services at King's Chapel at 9 o'clock and Vesper Services at the First Church at 5 o'clock.

Sunday Evening. Fellowship for Social Justice, South Congregational Church, 8 o'clock. Rev. Everett D. Martin of Des Moines and Rev. Elizabeth Padgham of Rutherford, N. J., will speak.

Monday. Women's Alliance, South Congregational church, 2:30 P. M. "Woman's Work for the Church."

Monday Evening. Public meeting and reception in the First Parish Church, Cambridge. Speakers: Dr. Crothers,

Rev. William Sullivan and Prof. Peabody.

Tuesday. Annual meeting of American Unitarian Association.

Tuesday Evening. Anniversary sermon at Tremont temple, 7:30 o'clock, by Rev. Paul Revere Frothingham.

Wednesday. Unitarian Temperance Society, Arlington St. Church: speakers, Rev. John Haynes Holmes, Rev. William Sullivan, Rev. Edgar S. Wiers.

Wednesday evening. The Festival, at which Hon. Samuel E. Winslow, of Worcester, will preside.

Thursday. Annual meeting of the Young People's Religious Union, Second Church, at 2 o'clock. Reception from 5 to 6.

Thursday evening. Religious Service of the Y. P. R. U. at Second Church, 7:30 o'clock. Rev. William Sullivan will preach.

Friday. Sunday School meetings at King's Chapel, morning and afternoon.

Comfort Carriers' Club.

At the annual meeting of the Comfort Carriers' Club, held on March 2, 1915, the following officers were elected for the year 1915-1916:

Mrs. Eliot, president; Mrs. McMurdie, vice-president; Miss Jones, treasurer; Miss Lufkin, secretary.

It was voted at that meeting that the Comfort Carriers' have a flower table and a garment table at the May Festival. A notice in regard to the garment table is given in another part of "Our Work."

The following letter from the superintendent of the West End house will interest all who value our Neighborhood work.

Dear Mr. Eliot.

I wish you could make every soul connected with your church and responsible for the use of your church property understand how very useful your gymnasium has been to both our younger and older boys of the West End house. It would be, I am sure, a satisfaction to them to know how much good they radiate.

And further, I want them to understand how fully and gratefully we appreciate the kindness which puts at our disposal on such generous terms your complete and expensive equipment. I hope we may thereby learn to imitate your beautiful spirit of neighborly co-operation.

Mitchell Freiman,
Supt. West End House.

Church Calendar.

Mondays—Children's Hour	4-5
Thursdays—Teachers' meetings	4:30
May 12—Annual meeting	
Women's Alliance	11 A. M.
May 14—May festival	7.30
May 15—Sphinx Club Exhibition	2.30
May 16—Sunday School	1.45
Church Service	3.15
May 18—Quarterly Teachers' Meeting	7.30
May 20—Fellowship Club	8.00
May 21—Annual meeting	
Winkley Guild	7.30
May 21—Mildred Ellis Club	6.30
May 23—Sunday School	1.45
Church Service	3.15
May 24 to 28—Anniversary Week	
May 30—Sunday School	1.45
Church Service	3.15
June 1—Comfort Carriers' Club	7.30
June 3—Church Supper	6.30
June 4—Eliot Circle	2.30
June 6—Sunday School	1.45
Church Service followed by Communion	3.15

Howard Sunday School.

On May 2nd a general lesson upon the first five chapters of Mr. Brown's "Life of Jesus" was conducted by the superintendent. After questions upon Palestine, stereopticon pictures were shown. These illustrated Bethlehem, Nazareth, and the childhood of Jesus.

The next quarterly teachers' meeting will be at the Superintendent's house on Tuesday, May 18, at 7.30 o'clock.

On May 30th there will be a special Memorial Day service.

Flower Sunday will be observed on June 20, which will be the closing service for the season.

Many friends in the Sunday School and Church will be interested to know that Mr. Frederick M. Eliot will be ordained to the Unitarian ministry on Sunday evening, May 16. The service will take place at 8 o'clock in the First Parish Church, Cambridge, where he will become associate minister. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Children's Garment Sale.

At the May Festival, the Comfort Carriers' Club will offer for sale a number of garments suitable for little children five years of age or younger: wash dresses, rompers and undergarments. Prices all under seventy-five cents.

Women's Alliance.

As usual, two meetings were held in April. At the Study Class on April 14, Mrs. C. R. Eliot read a paper on "James Freeman Clarke." On Wednesday, April 28, the "Evening Meeting" was held. To this meeting men are cordially invited and several this year accepted the invitation. The meeting opened with the usual service, followed by business, after which Mrs. E. L. Osgood, chairman of the National Post Office Mission committee, gave a most interesting and inspiring talk on the work of the "Post Office Mission." Dr. Mary F. Hobart followed with an exhibition of reflectoscope pictures of scenes in Holland. The evening ended with a social half hour.

The annual meeting of the Alliance will be held on Wednesday, May 12, at 11 A. M.

Items of Interest.

The Sphinx Club classes will close for the year on Saturday, May 15th. The annual exhibition of work done by pupils will be held on that day at half past two o'clock.

The Congregational held under the auspices of the Winkley Guild on April 30th was enthusiastically successful in spite of the unfavorable weather. There was an entertainment given by some of the Guild members and their friends, followed by games and refreshments. Both older and younger people enjoyed the good time and it was agreed that it was a great success. Many thanks are due to the committee in charge: Miss Alice Lund, Miss Effie Humphrey, Miss Ida Carlson, Mr. Lucius Bigelow and Mr. Raymond Strong.

Anyone wishing to become a depositor in the Stamp Savings Society or wishing to inquire about it, is asked to speak to Miss Stokes.

Considerable interest in the Boston Clean-up Campaign has been shown by our church and it is hoped that some good has been accomplished. The ideal is certainly a worthy one, namely, a cleaner, healthier and happier city. Upon the central committee our church was represented by Miss Stokes, who told us about the work at our last Neighborhood meeting. Posters and fliers have been freely distributed among our people. The time set for "Cleaning-Up" was extended this year to two weeks, May 1-15. Three days were set apart as Garden Days, to encourage flower gardens in the suburbs and window boxes in the city. What have you done about it?

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No. 1



A Hearty Welcome For All.

Sunday Evening Services.

On Sunday, Nov. 19, at 7.30 o'clock, a notable series of evening services will begin at our church and we hope that everyone who reads these lines will help us to extend a cordial invitation to friends and strangers alike. Indeed, to our spirit of good will all are friends, and the welcome is always ready. But we sometimes forget to put it into words. So we are speaking it now and are asking you to do the same.

That which makes the coming services notable is the list of speakers and their

subjects. You will find these on the last page of *Our Work*, with the dates. The Unitarian Faith has been often misunderstood and misrepresented. If you wish to know more about it, come to these meetings. They will not be controversial but will seek to set forth the fundamental principles and beliefs of our church. They will be worshipful and constructive. People may be drifting away from faith altogether. Many are, in these days. You may feel the need of renewed spiritual strength. We all do, under the stress and strain of the

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times, so sadly out of joint. To whatever church we belong, or perhaps to none, we need

"Some deep revealing
Of trust and strength and calmness
from above."

In the spirit of Jesus let us reconsecrate ourselves to the worship of God and the service of man.

Harvest Festival.

Always a good time, this one on Oct. 22 was no exception. The Sunday School and congregation united for the service at 3.15. After these were seated, the Infant Class came up the centre aisle bringing their offerings of fruit, vegetables, bread and flowers. These were received by the superintendent with a word of welcome, and placed among the other decorations, which consisted of autumn leaves, and baskets of fruit and vegetables, contributed by the older classes and other friends.

Mr. Eliot's sermon for children was upon "The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." To illustrate the point that such a harvest, like every other worth while, comes only by effort, by working, praying, waiting patiently, overcoming and sharing, he told the story of "Hiawatha's Fasting," the legend of the Indian Corn, so charmingly retold by Miss Dadmum in her recent book, "Living Together."

"Then he called to old Nokomis,
And lagoo, the great boaster,
Showed them where the maize was
growing,

Told them of his wondrous vision,
Of his wrestling and his triumph,
Of this new gift to the nations,
Which should be their food forever.

* * * * *

Gave the first Feast of Mondamin.
And made known unto the people
This new gift of the Great Spirit."

Parents' and Teachers' Supper.

The second supper and meeting of the parents and teachers of the Howard Sunday School, held on October 20, was one of the most significant conferences in the history of the school. Though only thirty-four attended, thirteen of whom were teachers, everyone had something to say, and said it so freely and earnestly that it was evident that the previous meeting had brought the parents and teachers together as one family all co-operating in the religious instruction of the children

and in the upbuilding of the Sunday School.

The earnest opening remarks of Mr. McMurdie, Chairman of the Committee, and of Mr. Eliot, Chairman of the evening, started the enthusiasm, and the following questions in the "Question Box" increased it:

Have you, parents, talked over the lessons with your children? Please tell us your experience.

How many here have ever asked the Sunday School teacher of their children to come to their home?

Besides direct answers to these questions, other thoughts were brought out. Several mentioned their children's interest in "The Beacon." One or two spoke of visiting the Sunday School occasionally, and the importance of this. Others emphasized prayers in the home, especially for the little children, and also singing together. One parent suggested that home lessons be given to the children and that the parents see to it they are learned. The value of teachers visiting the parents, and of having a close personal relation with the children, was emphasized. Another question, "How shall we get the children to attend church?" was discussed freely.

Mr. Eliot thanked all for their words of encouragement and suggestion and the meeting closed with the singing of "America" and repeating the Lord's Prayer together.

Ninetieth Anniversary.

Plans are being made to celebrate the Ninetieth Anniversary of the Howard Sunday School on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 3.15 P. M. The first session of the School was held on Dec. 10, 1826. The Committee in charge of the celebration consists of the Superintendent, Mr. Winkley (the assistant superintendent), Mrs. Breed, Miss Jones, and the following members of the Howard S. S. Club: Miss E. B. Porter, Mrs. Patrick Jackson, Mrs. Wm. Howell Reed, and Mrs. Alexander Wadsworth.

Invitations will be issued, but this advance notice is given that all who do not receive them may know that they are invited with equal cordiality. It is inevitable that some will be omitted whom we would specially wish to include. If you, gentle reader, should be among these, kindly take our good will for the deed and join us on this interesting occasion.

Christopher R. Eliot,
for the Committee.

Just For Today.

"Let me no wrong or idle word
Unthinking say;
Set thou a seal upon my lips
Just for today.

"Let me in season, Lord, be grave,
In season gay;
Let me be faithful to thy grace
Just for today.

"So, for tomorrow and its needs
I do not pray;
But keep me, guide me, love me, Lord,
Just for today."

Eliot Circle.

The season opened with a well attended meeting on Friday, October 6th. Reports of summer work, songs by our Chorus and plans for our future were part of the afternoon's program.

The success of our first play given last winter encouraged us to attempt another, and in order to manage this properly a dramatic committee was appointed consisting of Mrs. Walter Lewis, who is Chairman, Mrs. George Allison Preston and Mrs. Joseph H. Griffin. This committee took hold on the work so well that we were ready at the November meeting to report a play selected, cast made up and rehearsals in progress, also that the date fixed for the presentation is Friday, December 8. Tickets will be ready soon and we hope that all our friends will lend a hand in selling as many as possible that we may have a full house.

The John Howard Club.

A meeting of The John Howard Lend-a-Hand Club was held Tuesday, Oct. 31 at the home of the vice-president, Miss Edith L. Jones, 3 St. Paul street, Cambridge. There were fifteen members present. Plans were made for the giving of Thanksgiving and Christmas cheer. It was voted to have a food sale on December 8th at the home of the president, Mrs. C. R. Eliot, 2 West Cedar Street, from 1 to 6 p. m. It is hoped the friends of the club will remember the date and favor us with their patronage.

Comfort Carriers' Club.

This club is "lending a hand" by providing sewing for a lady who greatly

needs assistance, one who has seen much better days. The club treasury is not sufficient to buy all the material needed and pay for the work. It therefore suggests that if any friends care to help by money or material, such gifts will be gratefully received. The chairman of the Clothing Committee is Mrs. Bruce Poebler, and the treasurer of the club is Miss E. L. Jones.

Temperance Work.

A meeting of the Bulfinch Place Temperance Union will take place on Sunday, Nov. 19, at 4.30 o'clock. This is the first for the season and will be in charge of the Temperance Committee. Some new leaflets will be ready for distribution and a letter from the Unitarian Temperance Society will be read.

Saturday Classes.

Pupils registered on November 4th, for lessons in music, (violin and piano) embroidery, and sewing. Classes will begin regular work on November 11th, from nine until twelve o'clock. All new names will be welcome.

Items of Interest.

Remember the Alliance Sale and Luncheon on Nov. 15, from 11 to 5.30.

Also the Temperance Meeting on Nov. 19.

The contribution for the Syrian sufferers on Oct. 22 amounted to \$20.73.

One hundred and ninety-five delegates were present for the Lend a Hand Conference in Lexington, on Oct. 28. Our clubs were well represented.

A Federation of Young People's Societies of Boston and Cambridge was organized last February, including the Boston Christian Endeavor Union, the Unitarian Y. P. R. U., Boston Epworth League, Universalist Young People's Christian Union, the Young People's Hour, Tremont Temple, and the Cambridge Christian Endeavor Union. The first work undertaken was to issue a booklet of Temperance Lessons of which several thousand were sold. Fifteen Temperance Rallies were held. The Committee is planning other work for this season, probably along Temperance lines. Mrs. Elizabeth R. White, Supt. of Temperance and Good Citizenship for the Boston Christian Endeavor Union, is chairman of the Federation, and Mr. Chester R. Allen represents the Unitarians.

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Women's Alliance Sale.

The next event in the Women's Alliance program is the Preserves and Pickles Sale, to be held at the church on Wednesday, Nov. 15, from 11 to 5 o'clock. Gifts but especially buyers are wanted. Prices will be fair and reasonable and the cause is worth helping.

Luncheon will be served from 12 to 2 o'clock, with an attractive menu—Miss Jones, head caterer. Please advertise it and invite your friends.

Last month's meetings were very encouraging. Rev. C. A. Henderson of Hopedale gave an address upon "Unitarian Beginnings Abroad" to a full house on Oct. 25. Everybody was interested and perhaps some were surprised to learn how far back the Unitarian Movement dates and in what countries in Europe it had its origin.

The meeting of Nov. 8 brought the story of Unitarian development to America and told of its earliest manifestations here. This was a "study class."

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 22, when the speaker will be Rev. Palfrey Perkins of Weston. He will speak on "The Fatherhood of God." An invitation is extended to all women in the Parish to become members and to help in this good work.

The Winkley Guild.

On Oct. 8th was held the first of the regular series of religious meetings by the Winkley Guild for this season.

"The Life of Service" proved a splendid topic for consideration and the discussion was instructive and interesting.

Our Masquerade Party was a complete success, the costumes being original and ranging from "witches and cats" to "Red Cross Nurses." The committee in charge deserves a special word of commendation for planning this delightful time.

On Sunday, Nov. 12th, a most interesting meetings is expected. "How Ought We to Pray?" will be the topic and the discussion will be in the hands of four of our members.

The next "Social" will be held on Friday evening, Nov. 24. It will be a "Congregational" given by the Guild to the Parish. The program will be announced later. Let everyone reserve this date for a good time.

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Saturdays—Open House for boys	7-9
Nov. 15—Alliance Preserve and	
Pickle Sale	11-5.30
Luncheon	12-2.30
Nov. 17—Mildred Ellis Club	6.00
Nov. 19—Sunday School	1.45
Church Service	3.15
Temperance meeting	3.15
Evening meeting	7.30
Nov. 22—Women's Alliance,	2.15
Nov. 24—Guild Social	7.30
Nov. 26—Sunday School,	1.45
Church Service	3.15
Evening Service	7.30
Dec. 1—Eliot Circle	2.30
Dec. 2—Frances S. Merrill Club	2.00
Dec. 3—Sunday School	1.45
Church Service	3.15
Communion Service	4.15
Evening Service	7.30
Dec. 5—Comfort Carriers' Club	7.30
Dec. 8—Food Sale of the John	
Howard Club, 2 West	
Cedar St.	1-6
Eliot Circle Play	7.45

Don't and Do.

The Consumer's League of Massachusetts sends us this message:

Don't shop after five o'clock.

Don't shop on Saturday afternoons.

Don't leave your Christmas shopping until the week before Christmas.

Do pay bills promptly.—This is of vital importance in the case of dressmakers, milliners, tailors, grocers and all employers with small capital.

Do avoid rush orders—to tailors, dressmakers, milliners and others—that the employers may be under no temptation to break the law restricting the hours of women and children.

Do ask for underwear bearing the Consumers' League label.

Do look out for boys.—Do not buy papers of small boys, and take care that the grocer's boy, the milkman's boy and the boy who leaves the daily paper are of legal age for such work. If a small boy is sent to the house late at night with a message or a parcel, make a protest to his employer.

Unitarian Principles and Beliefs

Bulfinch Place Church, West End

Bulfinch Place, Cor, Bulfinch St.

SUNDAY EVENINGS—Everybody Welcome
At 7.30 o'clock

Nov. 19—"A Religion Fit for Free Men: Liberty and Loyalty."

REV. SAMUEL A. ELIOT, D. D., President of the American Unitarian Association.

Nov. 26—"Will Christians Ever Get Together? Should Religion Divide or Unite?"

REV. FREDERIC W. PERKINS, First Universalist Church, Lynn.

Dec. 3—"God Our Father."

REV. W. W. FENN, D. D., Dean of Harvard Divinity School.

Dec. 10—"The Brotherhood of Man—What Does it Mean?"

REV. SAMUEL R. MAXWELL, the Second Church, Boston.

Dec. 17—"Jesus of Nazareth."

REV. ABRAHAM MITRIE RIBBANY, Church of the Disciples, Boston.

Dec. 24—Christmas Eve—Carols and Candle-Light Service—6 o'clock.

Dec. 31—"The Bible—Its Use and Abuse."

REV. OSCAR B. HAWES, Unitarian Society, Newton Center.

Jan. 7 "The Life Everlasting."

REV. ALFRED RODMAN HUSSEY, First Unitarian Society, Lowell.

Music in charge of MR. GEORGE MENDALL TAYLOR, Organist

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No. 5



THE FIRST CHURCH IN NEW ENGLAND

The Landing of the Pilgrims.

When the Pilgrims landed, after "long beating at sea," on Cape Cod, their first thought was to offer a prayer of Thanksgiving. "Being thus arrived in a good harbour," wrote Governor Bradford, "and brought safe to land, they fell upon their knees and blessed ye God of Heaven, who had brought them over ye vast and furious ocean, and delivered them from all ye periles and miseries thereof, againe to set their feete on ye firme and stable earth, their proper elemente."

The Pilgrims were united not only by their purpose to establish a government of freedom and equal opportunity, but also by a religious covenant, which made them, to quote Dr. Hale, "the oldest Congregational church in the world." This covenant was adopted at Scrooby, England, in 1602, before they went to Holland. It was so remarkable for its simplicity and breadth that every liberal

church of today should rejoice in it. Here it is: These people "as ye Lord's free people, joynd themselves (by a covenant of the Lord) into a church estate, in ye fellowship of ye gospell, to walke in all his wayes, made known, or to be made known unto them, according to their best endeavours, whatsoever it should cost, the Lord assisting them."

What constitutes a Congregational church? The purpose, the spirit, of such a covenant. Our own church stands for that—broad, liberal and yet loyal. To its membership it welcomes all who come with this desire in their hearts.

Our Church.

"Not to be Ministered unto, but to Minister."

The writer of this letter sometimes wonders if the active and inactive members of our church realize what is being done under its roof to put into practice the above motto.

Do we realize, for example, the number of Lend-a-Hand Clubs there are, filled with disciples of Dr. Hale, each doing their part, in the spirit of their founder, to make other lives brighter and happier?

Do we realize the work the Winkley Guild is doing (the only society, by the way, which bears the name of Mr. Winkley), among its young people to train them in right thinking and living?

Do we realize the work the Alliance does in the Church and Sunday School and the inspiration it is to those interested in it?

Do we realize the influence of the Eliot Circle, and the place it fills, not only in the Church, but in the lives of its members?

Do we realize the worth of the Sunday School and the work it is doing through its corps of devoted teachers, many of whom have received their training and inspiration for such work right here, and are now giving it again to others whose lives they may influence. This year especially more is being taught about this wonderful belief of ours, "Our Faith," that we may pass it on to others who are searching for light and truth?

Do we realize what the Sunday School is doing for the Children's Mission from week to week?

Do we realize the work that is being done in the neighborhood, along all sorts of lines, to make our message a practical one—the District nurses, the friendly hand to the Italians, the Children's hour, the Saturday Night Club, the gymnasium work, and other things that space forbids our naming?

The point is, that the inspiration for all this comes from "the word of God," spoken from the pulpit from Sunday to Sunday, and put into every day use by this alliance of forces interested in the best kind of living.

Do we not all, members of the church of our own free will, owe it to the Church and ourselves to do more than we are doing? If a few can do so much, how much more might the many do!

Why not testify by a more frequent attendance at the Sunday services, if in no other way, to our belief in this Church and its works? Is it not possible that we should thus be prompted to take a more active part in the actual work, and thereby increase the influence of our church a thousand fold.

O. ARTHUR McMURDIE.

Howard Sunday School.

The following letter doubtless expresses what a good many of the members of our Sunday School have felt at special times. We are sure that the writer will not object to our printing it, she is so loyal and ready to help.

Dec. 27, 1916.

Dear Friends: I thank you and all kind friends of the blessed Howard Sunday School for all their many kind and loving greetings. I am in debt to you all, for what a comfort it is to me that you are and always have been so kind. I have been so kindly helped by you all. May the Lord bless and prosper each and all of you. I am weak from my illness but much better and hope to meet you again very soon.

Sincere love to all,

Mary A. Flowers.

The annual Sunday School supper will be on Friday evening, March 30, at 6.30 o'clock. On this occasion the teachers will be the hosts and the pupils their special guests. A very jolly entertainment is being planned, of which the following committee has charge: Mrs. Peabody, Mrs. Vera Morton and Miss Jane Ray.

Eliot Circle.

The Get Acquainted Social proved to be a great success, filling the parlors with members who wished to know each other better. Tea was served during the afternoon, and songs by Mrs. Emma Safford added greatly to our pleasure. We hope to repeat the experiment early next season.

A large attendance marked the March meeting, at which we listened to our friend Mrs. Gill, who provided for us the hearty laugh which "doeth good like a medicine." We enjoyed also the music furnished by our chorus and Mr. Ellicott. As usual at the March meeting the Sunshine color was used for decoration, in honor of Mrs. Eliot, whose favorite it is. The National colors were also used and each member wore a little flag, to show love and loyalty to our own dear country.

On Friday evening, March 23, at eight o'clock, we present the little play entitled, "The Greatest Plague of Life." Tickets are now ready at ten cents each.

The candy sale on this occasion will be in charge of the Hale Club. We hope they will realize a goodly sum to help on their special work.

Everybody come for the good time and to lend a hand to both clubs.

The Women's Alliance.

Two meetings were held in February. At the Study Class on February 14th, Miss Crocker read an interesting paper from the Lending Library, on "The Alliance—How Did It Originate?" Mrs. Eliot was to have talked about the "Alliance Manual," but as she was obliged to be absent this was postponed to a later date. On February 28th, Rev. Frederick M. Eliot spoke to a large meeting on "Salvation by Character." There will be two meetings in March. On the 14th there will be no paper, as announced on the calendar, but letters from Post Office Mission and Cheerful Letter Correspondents will be read, and Mrs. Eliot will talk about the "Manual."

On March 28th will come our annual "Neighborhood Meeting," to which delegates from a number of Alliances in Greater Boston will be invited. The "Alliance Travelogue" will be shown to the company by Mrs. Donald M. Blair of Roxbury. Mr. Ellicott will operate the lantern.

A "Talk on Rio de Janeiro," illustrated by stereopticon, will be given by Rev. H. A. Manchester, D. D., in the Sunday School room, Bulfinch Place Church, on Tuesday, March 20th, at 2.30 o'clock. This will be given under the auspices of the National Cheerful Letter Committee of which Mrs. George G. Saville is chairman. Tickets will be 25 cents.

Sunday School Attendance.

The following members were present and punctual every Sunday in February:

Miss Jane Ray, Charlie Bird, Harry Leoni, Miss Marion B. Foster, Herbert Sisson, Hobart W. Winkley, Walter J. Young, Mrs. Anna M. Peabody, Isabel Prescott, Grace Cook, Ida O. Carlson, Mary Shackford, Miss Marguerite Pflgebraar, Ellen Carlson, Mrs. Walter King, Miss Catherine B. Clark, Mrs. Ellen Arthur, Mrs. Emma Young, Miss Mary Peabody, Ernest French, Katherine Shackford, Mildred Walker, Clare Brown, Mrs. Wm. Mountfort, Mrs. Alice Shackford, Miss Elinor W. Crocker, Miss Katharine R. Stokes, Mrs. Mary M. Eliot, Mrs. Julia E. Dwire, Mrs. Mary French, Mrs. Jennie Putnam, Mrs. Minerva Shackford, Gladys Leavens, Vivian Fieldhouse, Helen Honan, Warren Morton. Of these ten are teachers and twenty-six pupils.

America, the Beautiful.

(Tune Materna).

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber fields of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for glorious tale
Of liberating strife,
When valiantly for man's avail,
Men lavished precious life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness,
And every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!
Katharine Lee Bates.

Frances S. Merrill Club.

On Friday evening March 2, a most enjoyable entertainment was given under the auspices of the Frances S. Merrill Lend-a-Hand Club. It seemed somewhat like a Midwinter Conference of Clubs, since there were present representatives of the Bulfinch Place Church Clubs, the Land-a-Hand Dramatic Club, the Sturtevant Circle of Channing Church, Dorchester, and the Lend-a-Hand Club of Hawes Church, South Boston. Besides, one of the "Original Ten" was present.

An excellent musical program was given by the following friends who generously gave their time and talent: Soloists, Miss Sanderson and Miss Florentine; violinist, Mr. Fredyum Henrickson; mandolin players, the Misses Lufkin; accompanists, Mrs. Parker, Miss Walker and Miss Hopkins.

Members of the Lend-a-Hand Dra-

matic Club very kindly presented a play entitled, "The Neighbors," which was full of the Lend-a-Hand spirit and a quaint country humor. Chocolate candy was sold during a social intermission. Half of the candy is still for sale.

To the performers and to the other friends who contributed, the Club wishes to express its hearty thanks.

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Mar. 16—Mildred Ellis Club	8.00
Entertainment: "A Living Magazine."	
Mar. 18—Sunday school	1.45
Church Service	3.15
Mar. 20—Stereopticon Lecture	2.30
Mar. 20—Teachers' Meeting	7.30
Mar. 23—Eliot Circle Play	8.00
Mar. 25—Sunday school	1.45
Church Service	3.15
Mar. 28—Neighborhood Alliances	2.15
Mar. 29—Teachers' Meeting	4.30
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"A Living Magazine."

Every other year the Mildred Ellis L. A. H. Club gives an entertainment to replenish its treasury. On Friday evening, March 16th, at eight o'clock, "A Living Magazine" will be presented by the members of the Club. Come and see our March number!

Read for yourself our stories, theatre notes, editorial sheet, and enjoy our illustrated pages. The admission fees will be received in the little yellow stockings as in years before, "as many cents as size you wear." Stockings may be had by asking any member of the club.

Items of Interest.

A movement is on foot to purchase a flag to use on holidays and special occasions for the outside of the church. Contributions have already been received from the Women's Alliance and the Eliot Circle. Other gifts will be welcomed and may be given to Miss Elinor W. Crocker, who is acting as treasurer.

The Old-fashioned Supper and Quilting Party, given by the Comfort Carriers' Club, came off successfully on Feb. 16. The pretty costumes, the quilting frame, the music, the tableaux, and the supper itself, all contributed to a merry evening. Two plays were given by members of the club, "The Backward Child" and "A Happy Ending." The proceeds of the evening, amounting to twenty dollars, will be devoted to the Lend a Hand Work of the club.

At the annual meeting of the club, held on March 6, the following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. Mary M. Eliot; vice president, Miss Abigail A. Eliot; secretary, Miss Marion B. Foster; treasurer, Miss E. L. Jones; chairman of sewing committee, Mrs. Bruce Poehler; chairman of program committee, Miss Annie F. Brown; chairman of entertainment committee, Miss Blanche Raymond.

Again on Washington's birthday the Primary Class held its annual party. There were fifty children present, and a number of parents and friends. After the games, recitations and singing of patriotic songs, the children marched into the parlor where the big Washington pie and the little hatchet awaited them. Mr. Eliot touched each head with the hatchet for truth and Washington, creating much merriment. A gift for each child was found underneath the cherry paper covering the pie, and each guest received also a small American flag.

The Midwinter Conference of Lend a Hand Clubs was held on February 24 in the Unitarian Church, West Newton, by invitation of the Lend a Hand Dramatic Club.

The old medical case given to Dr. Grenfell by the Clubs was on exhibition and also the new one. The afternoon subjects were "Miss Lydia Holman's Work in North Carolina" and the "Comfort Packets." A play, "The Neighbors," was given by the hostess club.

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GEORGE MENDALL TAYLOR.

We are delighted to give the readers of *Our Work* a picture of our organist, Mr. George Mendall Taylor. A familiar figure for many years among musicians in our city and in Cambridge, a teacher to whom two generations of young people have looked up as to a valued

friend, well known for his services at the Young Men's Christian Union, the New Old South, and other churches, he has been the organist at our church for twenty-five years. More than this, Mr. Taylor has been our ever-ready friend and helper on so many special occa-

sions. With what pleasure we recall them—Christmas Festivals, Eliot Circle Meetings, Concerts at the Old Ladies' Home, Pleasant Sunday Evenings, and the like. But best of all, it is just Mr. Taylor himself, whether at the organ, or when greeting us with his cheery smile, whom we are so glad to present to you today.

The picture was taken in the Harvard Street Unitarian Church, Cambridge.

Easter Services.

Easter was a wonderful day, weatherwise and otherwise. Following a day of rain and followed by the heaviest snowstorm of the season, it was itself a day of glorious sunshine and full of the promise of the spring.

Both Sunday school and church showed a large attendance, about 350 in all. The Easter carols, the distribution of plants, the gift of Easter eggs for the little ones by Miss Cummings in memory of Dr. Hale, and a story, "The Lopsided Geranium," by the Superintendent, filled the Sunday school hour. The church was bright with flowers—roses, azaleas, daffodils and lilies—including gifts from special friends. The chorus sang two selections, assisted by the Eliot Circle chorus, and the final hymn was Katharine Bates' "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies." Two children were christened, Gladys Harriet Leavens and Robert Ernest Leavens. The following persons were welcomed into the church membership: Lucy E. Brown, Clare E. Brown, Anna L. Carlson, Hilda V. Carlson, Ida O. Carlson, Grace M. Cook, Sarah B. Edwards, Harriet E. Fitzgerald, Edith T. Foster, Lucy J. Fletcher, Effie B. Humphrey, Elsie R. Louder, Catherine N. Lund, Alice C. Lund, Thelma B. Lund, Bertha A. Mull, Marguerite F. de M. Pflgebraar, Adeline B. Pflgebraar, Isabel Prescott, Carrie B. Roberts, Emma L. Rowe, Sarah M. Stevens, Mildred A. Walker.

Mr. Eliot, in his sermon from the text, "Overcome evil with Good," referred to the momentous decision of Congress, declaring a state of war between this country and the German government, and he counselled that everyone, now that the die has been cast, should give himself to loyal service:

First, by discharging aright "the simple dues with which each day is rife—yea, with thy might," and by meeting every call of duty with courage and without complaint.

Second, by doing everything possible

to promote mutual understanding and good will among neighbors and fellow citizens. Goodwill is the only foundation for permanent peace.

Third, by maintaining the high ideals upon which the President has based this war. We must think, more and more, internationally. The flag must speak to us a double message and call us to our double duty. This is the flag of your country; be loyal, be true; but never forget that your country is only one of many nations, all with rights as sacred and honor as high, mutually dependent, mutually helpful; therefore be loyal also to international obligations and ideals.

Let us pray for the right, for the triumph of goodwill, for the Kingdom of God and the Worldwide Brotherhood of Man.

Neighborhood Meetings.

A new committee called "The Committee of Twenty-Five," has been appointed to help maintain a more regular church attendance. It has been chosen so as to represent the different and often distant parts of our parish. Neighborly calling and neighborhood meetings are a part of its program. Our "Going to Church Sunday" was planned by this committee, and also the printed list of church members. A card of invitation for the West End Neighborhood was printed and distributed. Two neighborhood meetings have been held, March 27, at Mrs. McCallum's, 9 Calhoun Ave., Everett, and April 11, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jones, 409 Putnam Ave., Cambridge. In spite of a heavy rain, eighteen were present at the former and enjoyed its hospitable welcome. At the second, there were twenty-three. At both, Mr. Eliot spoke and hymns were sung. A social time followed.

Our Work.

Although renewal notices have been sent to all regular subscribers, a good many have not sent in their money, and this is to remind them of the fact. It is absolutely necessary to have all the names possible on our list to insure the publication of this paper, and we hope that all who have not done so will send their subscriptions to Mr. O. A. McMurdie, 71 Drew Road, Belmont, Mass. We should also be glad to add new names to our list, which may be done by the payment of at least 50 cents to the above address.

The Women's Alliance.

Two meetings were held in March. At that held on the 14th there was to have been a paper on "Unitarian Literature," but the member who was expected to give it was unable to do so. The meeting was turned into a home meeting. Interesting letters were read from "Post Office Mission" and "Cheerful Letter" correspondents, and a talk on the "Alliance Manual" given by the President. The Annual Neighborhood Meeting was held on March 28th and about 200 friends and members were present. Mrs. Donald Blair presented the "Alliance Travelogue," illustrated by the stereopticon. The entire meeting was a great success.

On April 11th a Study Class meeting was held at which Mrs. Elizabeth Tilton spoke on "National Prohibition."

The following resolution was passed at the meeting:

To His Excellency the Governor of Massachusetts:

The Women's Alliance of Bulfinch Place Church, Boston, believing in Nation-wide Prohibition, asks that the saloons throughout Massachusetts be closed as a War Measure and that you send a message to the Legislature, requesting it to act upon this at once.

On Wednesday, April 25, an evening meeting will be held, the speaker to be announced later. All members and friends in the church are cordially invited. A special invitation is given to gentlemen.

The Alliance is raising a sum of money, by the envelope system, for the benefit of the Young People's Religious Union. It is hoped that every member of the Alliance will do something to help this cause.

Helping the Red Cross.

Following a suggestion made at the meeting of the Women's Alliance on April 11, all women connected in any way with the church are invited to meet on Wednesday, April 18, from 10 to 4, to sew for the Red Cross. Garments, cut and ready for sewing, will be on hand. These will be for one of the base hospitals in this neighborhood. Members of the Eliot Circle, the Alliance, the Lend-a-Hand Clubs, or the Congregation, are urged to come and help, even if for only an hour or two. Those who wish to bring their lunch will find coffee provided. Further plans will be made at this meeting.

Eliot Circle.

On Friday evening, March 23, a little play entitled the "Greatest Plague in Life" was given by our members, under the direction of the Dramatic Committee. It proved to be the usual success, all taking part with spirit. This was followed by piano solos by Miss Thelma Lund, songs by Miss Effie Humphrey and Mr. Ellicott, readings by Miss Hazel Schrow, and songs by our chorus. Mr. Ellicott also gave a very interesting demonstration of the way signals are flashed long distances, by means of flags, according to the Morse Telegraph Code. We were fortunate in having with us a group of Campfire girls of Winona Camp, who, with their guardian, Miss Blaisdell, came from Everett, to give us an exhibition of the work done in their Council meetings. They were in ceremonial dress. Altogether the evening was a delightful one, and we are grateful to all the friends who helped to make it so.

The Candy Sale was in charge of the Hale Club.

We like to call the April meeting the birthday one, for at that time we remember especially our leaders, Dr. Hale and Mr. Winkley, recalling the deeds and words which made them dear to us and helpful to humanity. Our Chorus furnished music, and at the close, sang "The Star Spangled Banner," while the flag was waved by Mrs. Bligh. This was quite a pleasant surprise. The great birthday cake was cut as usual by Mr. Eliot. Although the day was very stormy the attendance was good.

Howard Sunday School.

The following members were present and punctual every Sunday in March: Miss Jane Ray, Miss Marion B. Foster, Herbert Sisson, Miss Marguerite Pflighaar, Ethel Leavens, Miss Abigail A. Eliot, Alberta Jones, Mrs. Anna May Peabody, Isabel Prescott, Alice Lund, Grace Cook, Adeline Pflighaar, Eleanor Sangster, Miss Catherine B. Clark, Mrs. Ellen Archer, James Allen, Norman Leavens, Katherine Shackford, Mildred Walker, Clare Brown, Mrs. Carrie Mountfort, Miss Gertrude Rogers, Miss Elinor W. Crocker, Miss K. R. Stokes, Miss Bertha A. Mull, Mrs. Catherine Lund, Mrs. Sarah Stevens, Miss Emma Rowe, Mrs. C. R. Eliot, Mrs. M. Shackford, Mrs. Jean Lang, Mrs. Mary French, Miss Hilda Carlson, Edith Leavens, Gladys Leavens, Vivian Fieldhouse.

Bulfinch Place Church.

Open daily from 10 a. m. to 12 m.

Minister—Rev. Christopher R. Eliot.

Residence—2 West Cedar Street.

Assistants—Miss E. L. Jones, Miss K. R. Stokes.

Church Calendar.

Mondays—Children's Hour	4.00-5.00
Thursdays—Teachers' Meeting	4.30
Saturdays—Music Classes, etc.	9.00-12.00
April 18—Teachers' Union Meeting	6.30
April 21—Open House for Boys	7.00-9.00
April 22—Sunday School	1.45
Church Service	3.15
April 25—Evening Meeting of Women's Alliance	7.30
April 27—Parents' and Teachers' Meeting	6.30
April 28—Open House for Boys	7.00-9.00
April 29—Sunday School	1.45
Church Service	3.15
May 1—Comfort Carriers' Club	6.30
May 4—Eliot Circle	2.30
May 4—The Winkley Guild Play	8.00
May 5—Frances S. Merrill Club	2.00
May 6—Sunday School	1.45
Church Service	3.15
Communion Service	4.15
May 9—Annual Meeting of Women's Alliance	11.00
May 11—May Festival	7.30
May 12—Saturday Morning Classes Exhibition	2.00

Items of Interest.

The Bulfinch Place Temperance Union will hold a meeting this afternoon at 4.30.

The Sunday School Teachers' Union will meet with us next Wednesday evening and all our teachers are urged to be present to assist in various ways. The supper will be at 6 o'clock. The addresses at 7.

Remember the Evening Meeting of the Women's Alliance on April 25 and the Parents' and Teachers' meeting on April 27, at 6.30 p. m. Also the Play to be given by the Winkley Guild on May 4, at 8 p. m.

A "Go-to-Church Band" has been started in certain classes of the Sunday School. Cards of membership have been given out, with the dates of the April and May Sundays, each to be punched if the member is present at church on that day. There are badges for those who make the best record. Quite a little interest has been stirred. Miss Marion Foster is in charge.

Four classes had a perfect record for attendance on Easter, Miss Mary Peabody's, Miss Brown's, Miss Pfeeghaar's and Mrs. Peabody's.

At the church meeting on Thursday, April 5, there was a large attendance, about fifty, quite filling the parlor. The subject was "The Communion Service" and its meaning as a Memorial of Jesus and all faithful souls, as a Fellowship of church members and others in sympathy, and as an hour of Divine Communion, was explained. The text "Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation" was emphasized.

A beautiful cross of Easter Lilies was received from King's Chapel on Easter afternoon, and, as our services were over, it was given immediately to the "Volunteers of America," whose headquarters are in our neighborhood. Their leader was delighted and said, "I can't tell you what this means to me for Easter." It was taken that evening to the outdoor meeting in Pemberton square and later to a meeting at headquarters. Wasn't that worth while?

A pot of hydrangeas was given to a laundry opposite the church. The lady in charge said, "My mother was specially fond of hydrangeas, and nothing could have spoken to me of her like this."

Where the Four-Leaf Clovers Grow.

One of our good friends, Miss Charlotte Higgins, sent the following lines by Ella Higginson, as a birthday greeting. They are so full of good cheer and the good spirit, and are so appropriate to our Lend a Hand work, that we give them a place here, thanking the sender heartily:

I know a place where the sun is like gold,
And the cherry blooms burst with snow;
And down underneath is the loveliest nook,
Where the four-leaf clovers grow.

One leaf is for hope, and one is for faith,
And one is for love, you know;
And God puts another in for luck—
If you search, you will find where they grow.

But you must have hope, and you must have faith;
You must love and be strong—and so
If you work, if you wait, you will find the place

Where the four-leaf clovers grow.

—Ella Higginson.

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"CONSIDER THE LILIES"

FLOWERS IN CHURCH.

What would children think today "if told by their teachers that once roses and lilies and heliotropes were warned out of the sanctuary" as degrading to worship? Yet such was the case seventy-five years ago in New England.

Rev. Charles F. Barnard, minister with Dr. Tuckerman, from 1832-1836, and then founder of Warren Street Chapel (now Barnard Memorial), was "the first man in Boston to dare to take the ban off flowers and pronounce them pure and innocent enough, as well

as dear enough to the heart of God, to be admitted to the privilege of helping to celebrate the Sunday service. * * * Strange as it may seem, it took a good deal of courage to do this. It exposed one to ridicule. 'Another specimen of Barnard's skim-milk for babes!' contemptuously was said of it. * * * Very differently, however, did the children feel. Soon they grew eager to collect everything wild, from the first dandelions of Spring to the last aster or goldenrod of Fall—all to lend charm to their chapel. * * * Rapidly, in various quarters, the infection spread; first breaking out in inobtrusive little

bouquets on various city pulpits, and finally blossoming into the rich floral ovations that today voice the Creator's praise in all our churches.

"Might it not be well now and then, while sharing in the sanctuary the sense of Jesus' rapture over the lilies, to breath a benediction on the name of the first religious teacher in Boston who had in his own heart enough of the selfsame Jesus rapture over the flowers of the field to insist on their being brought into the church to help all to glorify God?"—From Rev. Francis Tiffany's Life of Charles F. Barnard.

Summer Work.

The church services will be held regularly through three Sundays in July, after which they will be discontinued until the second Sunday in September. During July they will be held in the morning at 11 o'clock.

The Sunday School will resume its sessions on Sept. 16, with a "Rally" on Friday evening, Sept. 21.

The Church will be open every week day during the summer from 10 to 12 for visitors and summer work. Either Mr. Eliot, Miss Jones, or Miss Crocker, will be on hand and ready for helpful service. Miss Stokes will be in charge of the Charlotte Home, our Vacation House at North Andover. The Flower Mission Work will be going on as usual; that of the Benevolent Fraternity on Fridays, and our own, in co-operation with the "Mutual Helpers," on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Outings, picnics, and short vacations will be planned so far as possible.

It is requested that all cases of sickness, or need of any kind, be reported promptly. Our telephone number is Haymarket 3318J.

The minister and his assistants wish to keep in touch with Sunday School and church members so far as possible, by welcoming visitors at the church and by calling. Do not hesitate to do your part.

From time to time during the summer we hope to reach the members of the Sunday School by a postal card or other message. Be on the lookout, and send us a greeting in reply.

Dr. Hale said: "Together, is the great central word of the civilization of the world." Let us remember that even when distance seems to separate, or circumstances to divided, we may be held together by the spirit of friendship and a united purpose.

Howard Sunday School.

The "May Quarterly" for Teachers was held at the Superintendent's house on May 18, with an attendance of over twenty. After the lesson which was upon "The Unitarian Headquarters and the Work of the A. U. A." several matters of interest were taken up.

It was decided to make Memorial Sunday a day of remembrance for Mary A. Livermore, who served so nobly the cause of Temperance and also that of Soldiers' Relief during the Civil War. Mrs. Peabody consented to be the leader.

The following committee was chosen to arrange a program for Children's and Flower Sunday, June 17, when the Sunday School closes: Miss Eliot, Miss Foster and Miss Peabody.

It was voted to follow the same plan as last year for keeping in touch with the Sunday School pupils during the summer.

The following teachers were appointed to recommend a new lesson book for next season: Mrs. Breed, Mrs. Peabody and Mr. McMurdie.

Plans for a Teachers and Parents Meeting to be held next fall were discussed.

A social hour closed the meeting.

The Winkley Guild.

The annual meeting of the Winkley Guild took place on Friday evening, June 1st, and after the routine business had been disposed of the election of officers for the ensuing year was held. Results of the elections were as follows:

President, Miss Marion Foster.
Vice-President, Mr. Harold W. Dwire.
Recording Secretary, Miss Emma Fritz.

Corresponding Sec'y, Ellen Carlson.
Treasurer, Clare Brown.
Director, Mr. O. A. McMurdie.
Counselor, Rev. C. R. Eliot.
Chairman of Service Committee, Miss Alice Lund.

Chairman of Entertainment Committee, Miss Abigail Eliot.

In nearly all instances there were interesting contests and each successful candidate received a round of applause.

This meeting is of course a very important one, as the "crew," so to speak, of the "Guild Ship" are chosen to guide it safely and wisely through another year. Let us all congratulate the new officers and extend the co-operation needed to make the coming year one of successful achievements for the good of all.

H. W. P.

Anniversary Week Luncheons.

The total number of luncheons served from our church by the Unitarian Hospitality Committee during Anniversary Week was 2122, as compared with 1765 last year. Luncheons were served last year only four days: this year, five. A large number of our own Alliance women rendered efficient service all along the line, from parlor to kitchen. Mrs. Eliot, Miss Jones, Miss Crocker, the Reception Committee, Mr. Ellicott, those invaluable helpers behind the tables, and even Mr. Eliot, were on hand, or shall we say on foot, or on the job? At all events, the wheels went round smoothly and merrily, and when the guests departed they left many compliments and words of grateful appreciation. This was the nineteenth year of "Luncheons at Bulfinch Place Church," the first having been in 1900, the seventy-fifth anniversary of the American Unitarian Association.

The Chorus Choir.

The Chorus Choir has rendered valuable service ever since it started in December. Frequent rehearsals have been held, with Mrs. Breed as leader, and, considering the distance, the attendance has been very creditable. The chorus has greatly helped the service of worship by the Responses, the opening hymn, an occasional anthem, and especially by strengthening the congregational singing. To all its members, in the name of the congregation, we wish to give our appreciative thanks; and also to Mrs. Breed and Mr. Taylor. We hope they have all found satisfaction in such a service, and, looking forward to another year, we hope to see the Chorus stronger and doing even better work than now.

Lend a Hand Clubs.

The annual meeting of the Lend-a-Hand Clubs was held Friday, April 13th. It was a stormy evening and we regret to say the attendance was small, only twenty-five members and friends, but in spite of this it was a very interesting meeting. Every club connected with the church was represented and gave a good report of the year's work, showing that happiness and good cheer had been brought into many lives. The wreath committee reported that a memorial wreath had again been placed on Dr. Hale's statue in the Public Garden, on his birthday, April 3. Miss Brown, Supt. of the Lend-a-Hand Society, told of many interesting ways other clubs

belonging to the society were lending a hand. Light refreshments were served at the close of the business meeting.

The officers elected for the season of 1917-18 were as follows:

President, Rev. C. R. Eliot.

Vice-President, Mrs. Archer.

Secretary, Miss Crocker.

Treasurer, Miss Rogers.

Wreath Committee, Miss Stokes.

Chairmen of Committees: Mrs. Peabody, Miss Emma Fritz, Miss Mildred Walker and Mr. Jean Lang.

It would be very gratifying if the clubs would take more interest in the annual meeting, sharing the responsibility. This meeting is really theirs, and to show an interest in it is one way of lending a hand to each other.

Reception for Mrs. Flowers.

The following paragraphs from the Boston Transcript show that "where there's a will, there's a way" and our dear Mrs. Flowers has not only the will but the heart:

"Anyone who has lived almost 85 years ought to have a rest from work, but Mrs. Mary Ann Flowers of Everett cannot see her way clear to be idle while the world is at war. As a result of her efforts during the past two years, 200 fractured arms of soldiers wounded in Europe have had as comfortable resting places as possible, for Mrs. Flowers has made that number of so-called 'fracture pillows.'"

"In honor of this accomplishment, the members of the Lord Kitchener Club of Everett have planned a reception in Mrs. Flowers' honor, which will be held tomorrow evening, at the home of Henry Duncan, president of the Board of Trade. Mrs. Flowers's work has been sent abroad through the agency of this club. One may realize the amount of work that is involved in 200 fracture pads, when it is said that one pillow requires the equivalent of more than a summer dress and only tiny pieces of cloth may be used. Mrs. Flowers often begins to cut the pieces at daybreak. She works so constantly that her greatest difficulty is to secure sufficient cloth to cut."

The contributions for the Y. M. C. A. "Huts" on Sunday, June 3, amounted to \$35.00. Several of our Lend-a-Hand Clubs have contributed, through the Lend-a-Hand Central Office, about \$25.

Other gifts have made the total about \$85.00.

Old Ladies' Party.

The Seventieth "Old Ladies' Party" was held on Wednesday, June 13. There were one hundred and thirty-five guests at the tables. Before supper, and after an hour of sociability, an entertainment was given, consisting of recitations by Mrs. Zoeth Knowles, piano selections by Miss Adeline Pflieger and Miss Thelma Lund, solos by Miss Florentine and Mr. Fox, songs by the Arlington Male Quartette, and a patriotic play, "Aunt Columbia's Dinner Party," by the young people.

In spite of the late spring and rainy weather, there was a good display of lilacs, pink and white hawthorne, and bridal wreath, and enough other flowers to make one hundred and thirty-five bouquets. The day itself was perfect, sunny and not too warm. Everybody had a happy time. Credit to whom credit is due; to Miss Jones and all her assistants, morning and afternoon; to Miss Leon, in charge of the entertainment; to the "runners," waiters and performers; and the good friends whose generous gifts of money or flowers made the party possible. Nor can we ever forget Mr. Winkley, the founder of the Festival.

Eliot Circle.

The June meeting was as usual one of great interest to all, bringing to us many good things, among them music by our good friends, Professor Taylor and pupils, songs by Bernard and Leonard McNeil and fine piano solos by Miss Rudin. The address was by Mr. Eliot.

At the close of another year's work together, we can but feel deeply grateful for the stronger ties, the deeper friendships, which bind us together.

The Charlotte Home is open for the season and already has quite a number of guests.

On Tuesday, June 26, the annual picnic will take place at Oak Island. The first party will leave Atlantic Avenue at 10 o'clock, others coming as they can. Hot coffee will be served and games for all ages, with prizes for winners, will help to make the time pass pleasantly. Everybody come for a good day at the seashore.

May Festival.

The annual May Festival and Sale was held on Friday, May 11th, and as always was very successful. There was a large attendance, everyone having a jolly good time. The tables were very attractive. Flowers, candy, lemonade,

ice cream and cake (in charge of the Eliot Circle) were for sale. The delicatessen table of the John Howard Club was very popular and many enjoyed the light supper which was served. The Frances S. Merrill club had a table for the sale of tracts, booklets and publications of Dr. Hale, which was very interesting. The receipts from the sale were very good indeed. The entertainment consisted of a sun-flower chorus by young ladies of the Sunday School and songs and dances by young girls from Linden, friends of Carolyn Fritz, a member of the Frances S. Merrill Club.

Howard Sunday School.

The following members of the Sunday School were present and punctual every Sunday in April and May:

Miss Jane Ray, Mrs. Peabody, Isabel Prescott, Mary Shackford, Miss Marguerite Pflieger, Miss Eliot, Alberta Jones, Mrs. French, Edith Leavens, Clara Brown and Mrs. Alice Shackford. Katharine Shackford, Mildred Walker, Miss Crocker, Jean Lang, Mrs. Trask, Miss Stokes, Miss Bertha A. Mull, Miss Jones, Mrs. French, Edith Leavens, Clara Brown and Mrs. Alice Shackford.

The following in addition to the above, were present and punctual every Sunday in April: Eleanor Sangster, Doris Hubert, Miss Leon, Jennie Crawford, Miss Clark, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Flowers, James Allen, Mrs. Mountfort, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Miss Emma Rowe, Mrs. Susan Putnam, Mrs. M. Shackford, Mrs. Hubbard, Mrs. Coombs, Mrs. Fletcher, and Vivian Fieldhouse.

The following in addition to the above were present and punctual during May: Miss Marian Foster, Ida Carlson, Hazel Allen, Ethel Leavens, Mrs. Archer, Miss Faulkner, Bertha Marshall, Lillian Hine, Willard Bush, Madeline Wyatt, Hilda Carlson, Gladys Leavens, Mrs. Lund, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Cahill, Mrs. Eliot and Mrs. Lang.

Red Cross Work.

Under the auspices of the Women's Alliance, meetings to sew for the Red Cross are being held once a week, on Wednesdays, from 10 to 4. Members of the Eliot Circle, and others, have given hearty and efficient service. Already 18 convalescent robes, 12 surgical shirts, and 12 sets of pajamas, have been forwarded to the Red Cross headquarters. "Wilcox and Gibbs" have very kindly given the use of a sewing machine for the month of June. The more who attend these meetings, the more work will be accomplished. Come one, come all.

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"EXCEPT YE BECOME AS LITTLE CHILDREN"

For the picture this month we are indebted to the Unitarian Sunday School Society, and we are glad to have it at this time of the year. The delights of the summer have not been forgotten and yet October is bringing us more serious thoughts and duties.

In the fall of the year the education and training of children is a subject close to the hearts of thousands of teachers as well as parents. The Public Schools have opened and also the Sunday Schools. Children are back from their vacations and home life takes up its regular course again.

Now is the time for the renewal of every high purpose and for that steady co-operation of School, Church and Home in character building from which shall spring a worthy harvest of good citizens and neighbors, true men and noble women, worthy indeed to be called the children of God. Let the picture of this beautiful mother, with her children in her arms and at her side, speak to us of the love divine and a child-like faith

"That makes the darkest way we go
An open path to Thee."

Our Sailor Boys.

Two entertainments were given at the church in June and July, to which sailors from the Battleship Georgia and the Commonwealth Pier were invited. At the first, we had twenty-five from the Georgia, under command of Chaplain Learned; and at the second, twenty-two from the Pier, led by Thomas L. Cotton of the Y. M. C. A. Both evenings were charged with good-will and good cheer. The program included supper (tables set in the form of an anchor and decorated with flowers and flags), brief speeches, songs by the sailors, an athletic exhibition by Mr. Ellicott and his friend, games and dancing. No one needed to tell us that the evenings were appreciated and enjoyed. The faces of the boys and the way they entered into the spirit of the entertainment told that. Chaplain Learned said it was the first invitation the Georgia men had received in eighteen months and he led the cheers when they left to return to the ship. The following letter from Mr. Cotton speaks for itself:

July 17, 1917.

Dear Mr. Eliot:

I want to thank you for the entertainment and supper that you gave to the twenty-two men from Commonwealth Pier the other night. They came back with most glowing accounts of the things that happened after I left. They are still talking about the dinner you gave them. I hope you understand that my leaving was not my own choice, but an engagement was pre-arranged and I had to keep it. I am sure that the boys would be glad to come over and attend your church some Sunday. If you care to let us know when your services are we might be able to bring a number of the boys over to see you people again.

Thanks again for what you have done for us and, believe me, we appreciate it.

Yours very truly,

THOMAS L. COTTON.

The Harvest Festival.

The Harvest Festival and Home Coming Sunday will be observed on Oct. 21 at 3.15 o'clock. This double celebration ought to bring everybody to the church, members of the Sunday School and congregation both. All are urged to send or bring some gift of fruit, vegetables, jellies, or flowers, to express their gratitude for many blessings received. These will be used for the decorations, and, later, will be given away.

We combine Home Coming Sunday with the Harvest Festival because the two ideas seem to go well together. October marks the ingathering of the fruits of the earth and so it is the Harvest Festival month. October marks the beginning of a new church year, when, after the summer vacations, the ingathering of men and women and children ought to take place for the renewal of the church activities. The farmer brings home the harvest to be stored away for the winter. The Church welcomes its home coming people for friendship, worship and work.

The Children's Hour.

The Children's Hour began on September 17, with an attendance of nineteen neighborhood children. The birthday of each child is to be remembered with a birthday cake and candles. The children themselves are bringing their pennies for a little fund, the purpose of which will be to remember each mother on her child's birthday with a rose, a gift from the "Children's Hour." This little birthday cake taken home, with "a rose to mother," makes everybody happy and opens a way of friendliness from our church to the home.

Eliot Circle.

The Charlotte Home has become to many a place of pleasant memories, each season increasing the number of those to whom it means rest, recuperation and a renewal of courage to face life's duties.

Among the special occasions have been visits from Mr. and Mrs. Eliot and little entertainments gotten up by our guests, also, the birthday celebrations, six of which were observed this year. The first was that of little Margery Ellicott, who had her first birthday cake with its one candle, quite an event in her life and also in ours. Another cake had seventy-six candles. For two of these birthdays poems were written by Miss Sarah Hastings, who was ready on all occasions to "drop into poetry."

At the close of our fifth season we can but feel most grateful for the spirit of harmony which has prevailed, the interest and many favors of our good friends at North Andover, and any success which has attended our efforts to make the Charlotte Home what its founder intended it to be—a blessing to all who might come within its doors.

KATHERINE R. STOKES.

Howard Sunday School.

The School opened on Sept. 16. The September Sundays have been rallying Sundays and the results give promise of a good year. On the first Sunday, the Superintendent occupied the lesson period with a stereopticon talk on Education, with pictures of out-of-door sports, schools and colleges, and also churches to show that Education must include body, mind and soul. On the second Sunday a stereopticon talk was given with pictures showing the different idea of Jesus held by the old masters in art and many of the more modern painters. Thus the more manly and human side of Jesus' character, as well as the divine, was emphasized. On the third Sunday last year's lessons upon "Our Faith" were reviewed.

On Friday evening, Sept. 21, a Rally was held. The pupils had been asked to bring postal cards illustrating their summer vacations and these were thrown upon the screen, using our wonderful reflectoscope. As the pictures appeared they were explained by those who brought them. Games and ice cream completed the evening's entertainment.

So much depends upon the Sunday School that the Superintendent wishes to ask every pupil and teacher to "play the game" as eagerly and fairly as if it were baseball or "Going to Jerusalem." By "eagerly" he means enthusiastically and happily. By "fairly" he means loyally, that is, in such a way that every teacher and every pupil will have a fair chance to win. And by "winning" we mean making the class a success. What can a teacher do if the pupils are irregular or inattentive? What can the pupils do if the teacher is absent or unprepared? Play the game and play it with a vim, so every class and the whole school shall win.

The lessons are to be upon "The Beginnings of Christianity." They will take us back to a time nearly nineteen centuries ago, but our interest and hope must be for today. We must translate the Beginnings of Christianity, historically considered, into a new awakening of a Christian spirit in our own hearts and daily lives.

The following members of the Going-to-Church Band were present at the church service on ten consecutive Sundays preceding the summer vacation: Catherine Shackford, Mary Shackford, Mildred Walker, Clara Brown and Hazel Allen.

Friendliness.

Friendliness is the watchword of our church at all times, and during the summer, especially, this spirit is abroad in our neighborhood. Many times our door opens, both to receive and give friendly greetings and service. There are the beautiful flowers received four or five days each week and frequent visitors who ask "Is this flower day?" There are the friends who come in for a call and others who come for counsel and guidance. There are the excursions to seashore and country and the friendly visits made with fruit and flowers in hand. There is our good friend Mr. Ellicott, putting the building in order from gymnasium to basement. Words of appreciation are often spoken, not only by ourselves but by "strangers within our gates," of the cleanliness and orderliness of our church. We thank Mr. Ellicott for his interest.

E. L. J.

Personals.

The following members of our church attended the General Conference of Unitarian and Other Christian Churches at Montreal, Sept. 25-28: Rev. and Mrs. Eliot, Miss Stokes, Miss Mull and Miss A. A. Eliot.

Rev. Frederick M. Eliot, having accepted a call from Unity Church, St. Paul, Minn., began his new work on Sept. 16. The service of Installation will take place on Thursday, Oct. 11. Rev. Dr. Crothers will preach the sermon and Rev. C. R. Eliot will give the charge to the minister.

The following is the list so far as obtainable at this time, of the young men from our Parish who have enlisted in the country's service, constituting our Roll of Honor:

William F. Baxter, Corporal 18th Co., C. A., Fort Strong, Boston Harbor.

Edmund C. S. Bigelow, American Field Service, France.

George Easterman, 8th Regiment, M. G. Co., now on his way to France.

Mahlon H. Fritz, Battery E, 301st Light Field Artillery, Camp Devens, Ayer.

Frank E. Grant, Lance Corporal, 26th Co., C. A. N. G., Fort Andrews, Boston Harbor.

Benton Johnson, on his way to France.

John M. Ray, V. S. S., Mt. Vernon.

Rev. Frederick M. Eliot, Chaplain, Boston City Hospital Unit.

William M. Strong, Aviation Corps.

Herbert Dodge.

Edward Sutherland.

Calendar of Meetings 1917-1918.

The following is the calendar of the most important meetings and entertainments planned for the season with the dates (subject to change if necessary). The calendar for each month will be printed in each issue of Our Work.

Regular Sunday Services, at 3.15 P. M.
Sunday School, at 1.45.

Evening Meeting, to be announced.

Teachers' Meetings—Every week.

Women's Alliance—2d and 4th Wednesdays.

Eliot Circle—1st Friday.

Winkley Guild—2d Sunday and 4th Friday.

Children's Hour—Every Monday, 4-5.

Open House for Boys—Every Saturday, 7-9.

Oct. 21—Harvest Festival.

Nov. 9—Quarterly Teachers' Meeting.

Nov. 16—Food Sale, John Howard Lend a Hand Club.

Nov. 18—Bulfinch Place Temperance Union.

Dec. 5-6—Women's Alliance Fair.

Dec. 17—Christmas Meeting of Sunday School Union.

Dec. 19—Women's Alliance, Evening Meeting.

Dec. 26—Sunday School Christmas Tree.

Dec. 28—Eliot Circle Christmas Party.

Jan. 11—Annual Teachers' Meeting.

Jan. 20—Bulfinch Place Temperance Union.

Jan. 31—Church Supper and Meeting.

Feb. 22—Primary Class Social.

Mar. 22—Sunday School Supper.

Mar. 29—Winkley Guild, Annual Entertainment.

Apr. 12—Lend a Hand Clubs, Annual Meeting.

Apr. 14—Bulfinch Place Temperance Union.

Apr. 24—Women's Alliance, Evening Meeting.

May 8—Women's Alliance, Annual Meeting.

May 10—May Festival.

May 20-25—Anniversary Week.

May 31—Church Supper and Meeting.

June 12—Old Ladies' Party.

Women's Alliance.

The Alliance held its first meeting for the season on Wednesday, October 10, at 2.15 o'clock. A number of matters of business were talked over. The next meeting will be held on Wednes-

day, October 24, when an account of the Unitarian Conference at Montreal will be given by some of our members who were present, and reports of work done by various committees during the summer will be read. It is hoped that more of the women connected with the church will join the Alliance this year and help in its work.

Items of Interest.

On Friday evening, September 28, the Mildred Ellis Club had its first meeting for the season. It was a good rally night. Plans were made to remember the boys of our own church, who are now in the country's service, by sending them books, magazines and letters, and whenever possible some gift for comfort and cheer. It is also hoped to render special service to friendless boys through any of our boys who may come in touch with them. Short stories and clippings of interest are being made ready to send. This work is to be done systematically, each member having her special part to do.

A linen shower was given in the parlor of our church last week. It was a surprise planned by the District Nurses for one of their number who has become engaged. It was a very pleasant occasion and the nurses expressed their hearty appreciation of our hospitality. We also were glad to express ours for many services rendered throughout our neighborhood by these faithful workers.

The Gymnasium opened on Thursday, Oct. 4, for the members of the West End House who will have the use of it on Mondays and Thursdays, both afternoon and evening. The Swedish Pcsse Class will also meet twice a week, Tuesdays and Fridays, beginning on Oct. 9.

"It is good for one to sit and study the wild flowers where they are at home in the fields and woods. They are never in a hurry, and they teach lessons of quietness, contentment, peace of mind, and faith in the eternal laws that govern their growth. There is the same lesson in potted plants. Invite some of these teachers into your home if there are none there now."—The Blue Flower

How good it is to be here, and together! How good to see eye to eye, and to share the open vision of truth and love! May that vision never fade, but ever shine more brightly as our guiding star.—Charles Gordon Ames.

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MOTHERHOOD

This is the Christmas number of Our Work, and the picture, while very different from the conventional Madonnas, the mother and Christ-child of the old masters, nevertheless suggests very nobly the protecting spirit of motherhood and the trustful love of the child. It is taken from a statue in London, part of the Queen Victoria Memorial in front of Buckingham Palace. It has been lent to us by the Scientific Tem-

perance Federation of Boston, which is doing so much to educate both parents and children in the knowledge and principles of right living.

Christmas is the day of days for children, but no other has happier possibilities for all who love them, fathers, mothers, and every member of the family. Christianity is a family religion, involving mutual dependence, obligations and good-will. It applies

to every social group—the family of families, the family of States, the family of Nations.

The Kingdom of God is really the Family of God—God the Father and Mother, all men children and therefore members one of another. This is the religion of Jesus. This is the Christmas message. It never was clearer than today, though the world is so full of strife. The darker the night, the brighter the stars. Faith, hope and love abide and “the greatest of these is love.”

Then let us wish one another and the world the best that Christmas can give and sing the angel's song of Good-will and Peace.

Our Soldiers and Sailors.

The Alliance Committee is continuing its work in interesting ways. In answer to letters, a box of books was sent to William Baxter, one of our boys at Fort Warren, and another to Mahlon Fritz at Camp Devens, for the library of his battery. One boy has been supplied with wristers and a bag, and another with a helmet and a sweater made by a member of the Mildred Ellis Club. Several letters have been received showing how such gifts are appreciated. Plans are being made to remember the boys on their birthdays. Five Christmas boxes were packed and sent to France on Nov. 8, each containing an assortment of useful gifts and a Christmas greeting, as follows:

“This Christmas Parcel comes to you that you may know your friends at Bulfinch Place Church are thinking about you and hoping the contents may bring joy. It is Christmas all over the world! May this remembrance bring to you the touch of home and friends who are praying for your safe keeping and speedy return. All good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.”

Other Christmas parcels are being prepared for the boys in this country. The Mildred Ellis Club sent remembrances at Hallowe'en. The Comfort Carriers' Club has made kits for a captain of one of the ships to distribute in France. Gifts of money for the work have come from the Eliot Circle, the church collection, and friends, amounting in all to \$37.75, and many articles for the boxes have been received.

The Sunday School is collecting money to adopt a French orphan and is sending bundles of books and magazines to the ships and camps.

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 21, another Sailors' Party was given at the church. Seventeen sailors from ships at the Navy Yard attended.

A good dinner, singing, games and dancing gave them and the ladies a happy time. The seventeen sailors represented ten different States, including California, Louisiana, Texas, Maryland and Minnesota.

A roll of honor, handsomely colored and framed, has been presented to the church by past and present members of the Red, White and Blue Club. It will show the names of those actually in the service.

Eliot Circle.

Our friends are asked to remember the play which is to be given by members of the Eliot Circle, on Friday, December 14, at 8 o'clock. Tickets are now ready at ten cents each. Some new varieties of candy will be for sale. We hope to fill the vestry.

The Children's Christmas Party will take place on the afternoon of Friday, December 28, at half past two. Names of children desiring invitations must be in the hands of Miss Stokes before December 20. Please write plainly name, age and address, so that there may be no mistake in sending out the invitations.

The regular meeting on Friday, January 4, will take the form of a Get-Acquainted Social. Members are asked to meet at 2 o'clock, wear name pinned on dress, and try to speak to everyone present. We hope to make this as pleasant an occasion as the last. Tea will be served. No cards will be sent, so please note carefully the date, Friday, January 4, at 2 o'clock.

Women's Alliance.

Two meetings in November, as follows: Nov. 14, the Study Class, at which the study of Mr. Gannett's “Household Altar” was begun. Mrs. Safford was the reader and a number of members took part in the discussion. The subject will be continued on Dec. 12, when Mrs. Peabody will lead.

Nov. 27, the regular monthly meeting, when a most interesting and helpful address was given by Mrs. Lucia Ames Mead upon “After the War—What?” Her plea was for a prompt restatement of war aims by the Allies and a thoroughly representative conference after the war to settle the terms of peace. War cannot be abolished by war, but

only by the spirit of internationalism. It was a large meeting and made a deep impression. The national alliance director, Mrs. E. E. Allen, was present, and, after various reports by our committees, complimented the Alliance upon its work. These reports included the Post Office Mission, the Cheerful Letter, Hospitality, War Service, Help to Other Churches, and the "Sale."

The meetings for December will be the Study Class on Dec. 12 and the Evening Meeting on Dec. 19, to which all members of the Parish, including men, are invited. The address will be given by Rev. Earl M. Wilbur, D. D., President of the Pacific Unitarian Divinity School, Berkeley, California, upon the interesting subject, "Unitarian Martyrs."

The May Club.

The May Lend a Hand Club met at the home of its president, Mrs. Anna May Peabody, Nov. 17. It was voted to have two regular meetings each year. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Peabody; vice-president, Dr. Mary F. Hobart; secretary, Miss Gertrude C. Rogers; treasurer, Mrs. Anna C. Breed. A Food Sale is to be held at 13 Hilliard street, Cambridge, on Dec. 14, from 3 to 6 p. m. Contributions of food, candies and preserves will be welcomed.

The Winkley Guild. Truth, Worship, Service.

A good programme of meetings for the season 1917-1918 has been issued by the Guild, including its Sunday meetings and its Socials. Already two meetings and two Socials have been held. At the last meeting Mr. Arthur McMurdie spoke with great earnestness upon "Religion in International Relations," and on Nov. 23 a successful "Congregational" was given, at which the program was games for the young folks, music and light refreshments for everybody. The musical entertainment was the best for many a day and we are greatly indebted to our Italian friends, Mrs. Stella Tagliatela, Mr. Galucci, violinist, Mr. C. Tagliatela, accompanist, and also to Miss Thelma Lund, whose piano selections pleased everyone.

The speaker for Dec. 9 is Miss Eliot and the subject, "What is Being Done to Help the Boy." On Jan. 13, Miss Marguerite Pfliegerhaer will speak upon "Tolstoi's Influence on the Religious

Thought of Today." The subject for February will be, "How to Bear Our Brother's Burden," and the speaker, Miss Emma Fritz.

The Social on Friday, Dec. 21, will be a Christmas Party.

The Guild is busy selling "Federation Bonds" and expects to give a good account of itself.

Temperance.

The Bulfinch Place Temperance Union held a meeting on Sunday, Nov. 18 at 4.30 p. m. It was in charge of the Neighborhood Committee of which Miss Abigail A. Eliot is the chairman.

Two votes were passed, one appropriating three dollars for the National Prohibition Work of the Unitarian Temperance Society and the other appointing Miss Crocker and Mr. Eliot a committee on Temperance in the Sunday School. The committee on Temperance Bulletins reported the marked success of this method of reaching the public, as a great many people are noticed reading those posted on our church.

In the unavoidable absence of the "Visiting Housekeeper" who was to have spoken upon that interesting work, in connection with Food Conservation, Miss Stokes talked upon the same subject, telling us, out of her wide experience, the need there is for such work and the good often accomplished by a little expert advice and guidance.

The next meeting will be on Jan 20, and a Temperance Sunday for the Sunday School is being planned for February.

Prima Chiesa Unitaria Italiana.

It is interesting that an Italian Unitarian church has been organized in Boston and that we at Bulfinch Place have our special interest in it, because some of its meetings are being held here. It meets for services of worship at King's Chapel, Sunday evenings. It was formally organized and welcomed to fellowship on Sunday, Nov. 18, when the official Board was chosen and when addresses of welcome were given by Rev. Louis C. Cornish, speaking for the A. U. A., and Rev. Sydney B. Snow, representing the Benevolent Fraternity. The president of the Board is Mr. Alessandro Carissimi, and the minister of the church is Rev. Filoteo A. Tagliatela. The minister of Bulfinch Place Church was made a member of the Board. Week-day meetings will be held

here on Wednesday evenings, including those of its newly organized Alliance and Young People's Religious Union. The president of the Alliance is Mrs. Stella E. Tagliatela, and the secretary is Mrs. Doria Casullo. The president of the Y. P. R. U. is Prof. Josue De Benedictis.

There are already twenty-six members in the Alliance and forty-eight in the Union.

Bulfinch Place Church.

Open daily from 10 a. m. to 12 m.

Minister—Rev. Christopher R. Eliot.

Residence—2 West Cedar Street

Assistants—Miss E. L. Jones, Miss K. R. Stokes.

Church Calendar.

Mondays—Children's Hour	4-5
Thursdays—Teachers' Meetings	4.30
Saturdays—Open House for Boys	7-9
Dec. 12—Women's Alliance	2.15
Dec. 14—Eliot Circle Play	8.00
Dec 16—Sunday School	1.45
Church Service	3.15
Dec. 17—Sunday School Union, Christmas Meeting	6.00
Dec. 19—Evening Meeting of Women's Alliance	7.30
Dec. 21—Mildred Ellis Club	6.30
Dec. 21—Guild Christmas Party	7.30
Dec. 23—Sunday School	1.45
Church Service	3.15
Dec 24—Christmas Party, M. E. C.	3.30
Dec. 26—Sunday School Christmas Tree	7.30
Dec. 28—Eliot Circle Christmas Party	2.30
Dec. 30—Sunday School	1.15
Church Service	3.15
Jan. 4—Eliot Circle	2.30
Jan. 4—Hale L. A. H. Club	7.30
Jan. 5—Frances S. Merrill Club	2.00
Jan. 6—Sunday School	1.45
Church Service	3.15
Communion Service	4.15
Jan. 8—Comfort Carriers' Club	6.30
Jan. 9—Women's Alliance	2.15
Jan. 11—Annual Teachers' Meeting	7.30

Items of Interest.

It was a great pleasure to welcome Miss Elizabeth B. Porter to the Sunday School again on Nov 25, though only as a visitor. The class of boys which she held together so many years is now scattered by changing conditions of residence or occupation, but all the members are held as ever in her loyal friendship. They know this well, and also the welcome that always awaits them in the Sunday School and church.

We shall miss from his accustomed

place in the church our good friend, Mr George D. Upham. For more than forty years he was a faithful attendant. His loyalty to personal friends we well understood. His interest in the Children's Mission was shown by his gift of a thousand dollars, a few years ago, to start a fund in memory of Miss Merrill. His interest in the Old Ladies' Party, where for more than twenty-five years he acted as doorkeeper, was an example of his fidelity.

The following teachers and pupils have been present and punctual every Sunday in November.

Rev. C. R. Eliot, Miss Marion B. Foster, Isabel Prescott, Miss Emma Fritz, Miss Marguerite Pheghaar, Jennie Crawford, Mrs. Mary A. Flowers, Mrs. Ellen Archer, Miss Fannie M. Faulkner, Miss Bertha C. Marshall, Miss Emma J. Lang, Ernest French, Miss E. W. Crocker, Mildred A. Walker, Clare Brown, Mrs. Wm. Mountfort, Miss K. R. Stokes, Miss Bertha A. Mull, Mrs. Sarah M. Stevens, Mrs. Catherine N. Lund, Mrs. Sarah B. Edwards, Miss Emma Rowe, Miss Clara Rowe, Mrs. C. R. Eliot, Mrs. L. S. Lincoln, Mrs. Minerva Shackford, Mrs. Emma J. Lang, Mrs. H. E. Holmes, Mrs. Mary French, Mrs. L. J. Fletcher, Miss E. L. Jones, Paul Nickerson, Gladys Leavens, Edith Leavens, Sybil Ellicott, Jane LeMere.

At the November meeting of the Comfort Carriers' Club, Mrs. Cora C. Ely spoke of the work of the Red Cross. It was a very interesting description of the organization and present war relief work.

The next meeting will be held on the second Tuesday in January (Jan. 8) when Mr. Franklin T. Daly will speak of the work of the Dawes Hotel for Men.

One of our Thanksgiving presents was a fine barrel of vegetables and three boxes of apples, from the Sunday School in Littleton, Mass. This is not the first time they have remembered us, and we are glad.

Thanks to many friends, the Alliance Sale on Dec. 5-6 added \$400 to its treasury.

A very successful Food Sale was held by the John Howard Club on Friday, Nov. 6, at the home of the president, Mrs. C. R. Eliot, from 2 to 6 o'clock. The proceeds from the sale far exceeded the expectations of the members, \$60 being realized. The club wishes to thank all friends who so generously helped to make the sale such a success.

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Be Kind to Animals.

The week of April 16 to 21 has been set apart as Be Kind to Animals Week, with the 21st as the special Sunday to be devoted to the birds and animals. It is expected that there will be special exercises in the schools, and possibly children's parades—all having reference to this subject. Our illustration shows this kindness in a most happy manner.

He who harms a living thing
Harm to the whole vast world must
bring. —Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Instead of saying we will lay aside this or that sin, if we will give our hearts to God we shall be purified by the Love Spirit. A man cannot be a drunkard and love God with all his heart. The moment the motive is changed from self to God he need not sign the pledge; intemperance is forgotten; it is a necessary result of loving God with all your heart.—Samuel Hobart Winkley, born April 5, 1819.

Hampton Institute.

On Monday evening, April 1, we left Baltimore by steamboat, and after twelve hours on Chesapeake Bay, reached Old Point Comfort, just as the sun, by the new time, was rising. At eight o'clock we were in Norfolk, having crossed the broad and placid waters of Hampton Roads, made famous by the Merrimac and the Monitor, and now the harbor for many a cruiser, battleship, or ocean steamer. By half past nine we were off for Hampton, first by trolley and ferry to Old Point Comfort again, and then by trolley through the little city of Hampton to its famous Institute. It was a beautiful spring day; apple trees in blossom, birds singing, and sunshine everywhere. A colored postman, who said he had served on that district for twenty-five years, showed us the way to our friend's house and we were soon being welcomed to one of the loveliest of homes.

Hampton Institute will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary this year. It was founded by Gen. Samuel C. Armstrong who, after a splendid record in the Civil War, had been stationed at Hampton to do what he could to mediate between the whites and blacks in those troublous times. He soon realized that the negro problem was one of education and that the kind of education needed was Industrial and Normal; first, to train them for the everyday work of the world, and, second, to send them forth as teachers and leaders of their own race. He started a small industrial school with two assistants and fifteen pupils. This was in 1868. Today there are over 900 boarding pupils, not counting the summer school of 450 teachers. Then, perhaps, there was one little schoolhouse; now, there are 140 buildings, on a beautiful forty-acre site; and a farm of a thousand acres besides. During the fifty years, under Gen. Armstrong and Dr. Frissell, recently deceased, there have been nearly 10,000 graduates and ex-students, whose influence has extended over half a million colored people.

Our guide was one of the famous Hampton singers whom so many New England cities and towns have welcomed and applauded. He conducted us through classrooms and workshops, where, in addition to the usual studies, carpentry, blacksmithing, dairying, rag-weaving, sewing, designing, printing and many other trades are taught. And

everything on a large, practical scale; nothing that was "make-believe," but always the real thing. Every student chooses his trade before entering and then studies, yes, practises it, for four years, thus becoming proficient as a workman and well fitted, in most cases, to teach—young women as well as young men. Most of the buildings have been erected by the students; and the farm and dairy are carried on in the same way. It isn't surprising, when one sees, face to face, this wonderful Institute, so beautifully situated, so wisely planned, to be told that it has furnished not only Tuskegee's leaders, the late Booker T. Washington and Robert R. Moton LL. D., but thirty-five other important educational leaders, and that its teachers have ministered to 275,000 children in eighteen States.

We saw them drilling on the parade ground and we heard them sing negro melodies in the Chapel. We had lunch with our friends and a motorboat sail out among the cruisers and battleships. Hydroplanes and aeroplanes were flying over our heads; at one moment we counted five; an observation balloon, looking like an elephant without legs, was going up from a huge battleship; six submarines were anchored, three on each side of a mother-ship. We landed at Old Point Comfort again and walked along the ramparts of old Fort Monroe, now a camp for soldiers in training. Again the airplanes went whizzing over our heads; hundreds of men were drilling. The signs of war were visible on every hand—the tents, the guard on the bridge, the ships in war paint, the soldiers. And yet how peaceful the day seemed! Overhead the sky was so blue; under our feet the grass, inviting to rest; beyond the wharf, the calm waters of the bay; around us the old fort speaking of conflicts long since past; and everywhere God's sunshine flooding the world with joy and awakening every tree and shrub to life and beauty.

Shall we not read in such a contrast the lesson of the hour, that, whatever we think necessary for the moment, the war-system itself is abnormal and monstrous, and must be done away with, yielding at last to the reign of international goodwill, righteousness and peace!

C. R. E.

"Help the birds all you possibly can, for they will do your locality a service that man, with all his inventions, utterly fails to render."

Women's Alliance.

Two meetings were held in March. At the "Study Class" Mrs. Safford read several chapters from Dr. Henry van Dyke's book, "Out of Doors in the Holy Land."

On March 27th the Annual "Neighborhood Alliance Meeting" was held. About 150 persons were present, delegates from 40 branches. We also had the pleasure of welcoming six members of the "Women's Missionary Society" from the First Methodist Church in Temple street. The address by Rev. James A. Fairley was most interesting and helpful, his subject being, "The Growth of Democracy During the War." Our guests expressed themselves as much pleased with the meeting.

On Wednesday evening, April 24th, at 7.45, Mr. Nelson J. Springer will talk about "The Young People's Religious Union."

The Mildred Ellis Lend a Hand Club.

The annual supper was held Friday evening, March 15. Thirty-five people were present—eighteen members of the club, parents and friends.

The keynote of the evening was hope—and surely the bright yellow jonquils, the table spread in the shape of an anchor and the candle light service symbolizing the spreading of truth, spoke of hope, faith and love.

We missed Mr. Eliot and our good friend Mrs. Strong from their accustomed places, but messages assured us they were with us in spirit as indeed we were with them. Our special guest for the evening was Mrs. Ezra F. Breed, who spoke to us on "What This Church Has Meant To Me." It was a sincere loyal expression of a life devoted to our church. What a privilege to have and know this friend. Words of good cheer and counsel were spoken by other guests. The influence of this evening with many such in the past will abide in our hearts always.

The members of the club are preparing a play—"The Thirteenth Star"—which will be presented Wednesday evening, April 17th, at eight o'clock. Tickets twenty-five cents. The proceeds of this entertainment will be used for lend a hand work.

E. L. J.

Lend a Hand Clubs.

The annual May Festival and sale of the Lend a Hand clubs will be held Friday, May 10th, at 7.30 p. m. There

will be the usual tables for the sale of candy, flowers, ice cream and cake, as well as a Japanese tea garden and other features. The John Howard club will have a delicatessen table as usual, where a light supper will be served at 6.30 o'clock. The entertainment will consist of fancy dancing by young ladies and children of the Sunday School, under the charge of Miss Lang. The usual good time is anticipated.

Eliot Circle.

April 5 was an ideal day on which to celebrate the birthdays of Dr. Hale and Mr. Winkley. Incidents and quotations from the life and writings of each, and the reading of Dr. Hale's "They Saw A Great Light," the true story of how a brave woman kept the light at Thatcher's Island burning, helped to a better understanding of these great leaders.

The only drawback to the pleasure of the afternoon was the absence of our Councillor, who never misses a meeting. A telegram from him assured us that he was with us in spirit. One was sent in reply. Mrs. Eliot cut the cake for us in his stead. Altogether the meeting was one long to be remembered.

The parlors at 108 Revere street were well filled on Monday evening, April 7, the occasion being the annual entertainment to our friends there. Prof. Taylor was in his element as master of ceremonies, giving a fine and varied program of songs, piano and mandolin selections, and delightful readings. We thank Mr. Taylor and all the friends who seemed so glad to do their part.

Young People's Religious Union.

There will be Sunday evening meetings at 7.45 under the auspices of the National Young People's Religious Union, as follows:

April 14, at First Parish Church, Cambridge, Rev. Mr. Potter, Wellesley Hills, speaker. Rev. Samuel M. Crothers, D.D., leader.

April 21, at Second Church, Mrs. Caroline S. Atherton, speaker. Rev. Palfrey Perkins, leader.

April 28, at First Parish, Dorchester, Rev. Abraham M. Rihbany, speaker. Rev. Adelbert L. Hudson, leader.

May 5, at Church of the Disciples, Rev. Maxwell Savage, speaker. Rev. Abbot Peterson, leader.

May 12, at Arlington Street Church, Rev. William L. Sullivan, speaker. Rev. Paul R. Frothingham, D. D., leader.

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Church Calendar.

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Thursdays—Teachers' Meetings	4:30
April 17—Mildred Ellis Club—Entertainment	8
April 20—Open House for Boys	7-9
April 21—Sunday School	1.45
Church Service	3.15
April 24—Women's Alliance—Evening Meeting	7.45
April 26—Congregational	7.30
April 27—Open House for Boys	7-9
April 28—Sunday School	1.45
Church Service	3.15
May 3—Eliot Circle	2.30
May 5—Sunday School	1.45
Church Service	3.15
Communion	4.15
May 7—Comfort Carriers' Club	6.30
May 8—Women's Alliance — Annual Meeting	11.00
May 10—May Festival	7.30

The Horse's Prayer.

To Thee, my Master, I offer my prayer: Feed me, water and care for me, and, when the day's work is done, provide me with shelter, a clean dry bed and a stall wide enough for me to lie down in comfort.

Always be kind to me. Talk to me. Your voice often means as much to me as the reins. Pet me sometimes, that I may serve you the more gladly and learn to love you. Do not jerk the reins, and do not whip me when going up hill. Never strike, beat or kick me when I do not understand what you want, but give me a chance to understand you. Watch me, and if I fail to do your bidding, see if something is not wrong with my harness or feet. * * * Examine my teeth when I do not eat, I may have an ulcerated tooth, and that, you know, is very painful. * * * I cannot tell you when I am thirsty, so give me clean cool water often. Save me, by all means in your power, from that fatal disease—the glanders. I cannot tell you in words when I am sick, so watch me, that by signs you may know my condition. Give me all possible shelter from the hot sun, and put a blanket on me, not when I am working but when I am standing in the cold. Never put a frosty bit in my mouth; first warm it by holding it a moment in your hands. * * *

And finally, O My Master, when my useful strength is gone, do not turn me out to starve or freeze, or sell me to some cruel owner, to be slowly tortured and starved to death; but do thou, My Master, take my life in the kindest way, and your God will reward you here and hereafter. You will not consider me irreverent if I ask this in the name of Him who was born in a Stable. Amen.
—From Our Dumb Animals.

Howard Sunday School.

The following officers, teachers and pupils were present and punctual during March, 1918: Mr. O. A. McMurdie, George Holmes, Mrs. Anna M. Peabody, Isabel Prescott, Alice Lund, Lucille Springer, Miss Emma Fritz, Annie Blake, Miss Marguerite Pfeighaar, Ethel Leavens, Miss Abigail A. Eliot, Miss Catherine Clark, Mrs. Ellen Archer, Miss Fannie M. Faulkner, Bertha C. Marshall, Katherine Shackford, Miss Elinor W. Crocker, Clair Brown, Mrs. Alice Shackford, Miss Katherine R. Stokes, Miss Bertha Mull, Mrs. Frances E. Stevens, Miss Emma Rowe, Miss Clara Rowe, Mrs. Catherine C. Daniels, Mrs. O. L. Carlson, Mrs. C. R. Eliot, Mrs. Mary French, Mrs. H. E. Holmes, Mrs. Jean Lang, Miss Edith L. Jones, Edith Leavens, Gladys Leavens, Alice Cutting, Hastings LeMere.

Items of Interest.

As Mr. Eliot is spending a few days in Baltimore and vicinity he could not be with us last Sunday, but we certainly all missed him.

Mr. Shurtleff came to us for the afternoon service and communion which followed. He spoke of the pleasure of being in his "home church," and his tender references to the Bishop and Aunt Fanny found response in many hearts—as did his speaking of the mantle of Mr. Winkley having fallen on Mr. Eliot.

The amount collected Easter Sunday for the suffering children in Bible Lands was \$24.31.

On Wednesday, April 3, the birthday of Dr. Hale, representatives of our Lend a Hand Clubs, placed a fine laurel wreath upon the statue, near the Charles street entrance to the Public Garden. It has been our pleasure to remember our "Chief" in this way for several years, and, as we looked into the face of this great prophet of universal peace, we could but hope soon to see the day he foretold.

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Born Feb. 12, 1809.

He built the rail-pile as he built the State,
Pouring his splendid strength through every stroke,
The conscience of him testing every blow,
To make his deed the measure of a man.

—Edwin Markham.

Religion in the Home.

We have a home department of the Sunday School, including those who are not able to attend the sessions, but desire to follow in some way the lessons at home. We should like to see this much larger than it is and more active. Will any who are willing to join, for their own or their children's sake, send word to the Superintendent or to Miss Stokes, chairman of this department. This is one way to bring religion into the home.

For the next four weeks, let us take the following subjects: Devotion, Imagination, Responsibility, Truth, all of which have been recent lessons for the Senior classes in our School:

First Week—Devotion.

Golden Text: "Who then is a faithful and wise servant?"

Daily Texts: Luke ii, 25; Ps. xcv, 6; Ps. xxix, 2; Matt. xxv, 21; I Sam. xviii, 3; I Cor. xiii, 4-7.

"Have you ever noticed that we use this one word 'devotion' in two different ways? Devotion means caring with all your might; it also means an act of worship. I suppose both meanings belong together. When you care a great deal, you become consecrated toward what you love. It is, as we say, all the world to you."—Ella Lyman Cabot.

Second Week—Imagination

Golden Text: "Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions; and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit."—Joel ii, 28, 29.

"Imagination gives the power to see others as they see themselves. It is one of the sustaining qualities in friendship. Just as many thoughtless, pain-giving acts are done through lack of imagination, so delightful, unexpected acts are born of sympathy. A friend of mine calls imagination the inside point of view. Jesus looked through the veil in every person he met and deep down to their hopeful goodness."—Ella Lyman Cabot.

Readings: Mark x, 13-16; Luke xviii, 9-14; Mark xii, 41-44.

Third Week—Responsibility.

Golden Text: "Unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his ability."—Matt. xxv, 15.

"Do all the good you can,

In all the ways you can,

To all the people you can,
In every place you can,
At all the times you can,
As long as ever you can."

"O God of Eternity, Bless to my uses this day,—thy gift of strength and opportunity. Let this day see no wasted moments, no unworthy deed, no unkindness or dishonor at my hands. If my pleasures cannot be harmless, let them be denied. If my words cannot be courteous, let them remain unspoken. If my jests cannot be clean, let them be unuttered. If my efforts cannot be successful, let them at least be faithful and generous."

Fourth Week—Truth.

Golden Text: "Whatsoever things are true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."—Phil. iv, 8.

"In the elder days of Art,

Builders wrought with greatest care
Each minute and unseen part,
For the gods see everywhere.

"Let us do our work as well,

Both the unseen and the seen,
Make the house where God may dwell,
Beautiful, entire and clean."

—Longfellow.

Daily Texts: John viii, 13; Prov. iv, 18; Matt. v, 16; Ps. xix, 14; Ps. cxix, 18.

Our "Chapter."

At a meeting held on Monday evening, Jan. 26, the Bulfinch Place Church Chapter of the Unitarian Laymen's League was organized by adopting a Constitution and accepting the Rules and Regulations of the League. Those who were absent from the meeting, but had joined the League, were elected charter members. The membership of the Chapter (subject to correction) is at present as follows: Ezra F. Breed, H. W. Winkley, Joseph Jones, Fred E. Goodspeed, O. A. McMurdie, Wm. G. Ellicott, Caleb P. Fox, Claus Sandwall, C. R. Eliot, George McMurdie, Joseph Morton, Walter L. King, Bruce Pochler, Herbert Johnson, Henry Richter, Rudolph Peterson, Jean F. Lang, Ralph Easterman, Wm. G. Eliot III, James Allen, Charles Savell and George E. Holmes.

A committee was appointed to nominate officers and an executive committee, to report at the next meeting of the Chapter, which will be held on Monday evening, Feb. 16.

Howard Sunday School.

The annual meeting of the teachers was held at the church on Friday, Jan. 9. A delicious supper was served at 6.30, with "turkey and all the fixin's." Mr. Winkley presided at one end of the table and Mr. Eliot at the other. Which was head and which foot, nobody questioned, but everyone knew that Miss Faulkner, though unable to be present, was the generous hostess.

After the usual reports, the officers were elected: Superintendent, Rev. C. R. Eliot; Ass't Supt., Mr. H. W. Winkley; Secretary, Miss R. F. Leon; Treasurer, Mr. O. A. McMurdie; Historian, Miss Mabel Foster. Committees were appointed on Christmas Tree, Children's Mission, Teachers' Union, Home Department, and for other duties. A special vote was passed that a report of the Winkley Guild be given every year. It was voted to have a Sunday School Supper in March. A special committee to consider the problem of teachers' meetings was chosen, consisting of Miss Brown, Miss Stokes, and Miss Pfliegaar. The evening was a busy one, and closed at 10.30 with the customary hymn, "Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing."

Lectures on Historic Boston.

Stereopticon Lectures on Wednesday evenings, at 8 o'clock, by Miss Martha A. S. Shannon:

Feb. 4. First English Settlers, Boston a Miniature London.

Feb. 11. The Provincial Era, the Boston of Copley.

Feb. 18. Early Years of the Republic, the Boston of Bulfinch.

Feb. 25. Historic Houses and Literary Landmarks.

Mar. 3. The Boston of William Morris Hunt.

These lectures should be of interest to all lovers of Boston, but especially to us who have associations with the old West End, because of our homes and the church. William Blackstone, one of the first settlers, lived near what is now Louisburg Square. John Singleton Copley, the famous portrait painter, owned at one time about twenty acres on that side of Beacon Hill. Charles Bulfinch, the architect of the State House, had his home close to where our church now stands. Scattered all through the West End are the historic houses and literary landmarks, to which doubtless the lecturer will refer.

The lectures are free, and a cordial invitation is extended to all.

The church was full for the first lecture.

Young People's Sunday.

The Young People's Religious Union observed Sunday, Jan. 25, as Young People's Sunday, with a Rally in the afternoon at the Second Church, followed by a Boston Federation Meeting. Refreshments were served, the Winkley Guild being one of three in charge. A service was held in the evening, when Rev. Joel Metcalf spoke upon "The Religion of the Stars." Our Guild was represented by thirteen of its members.

A more important fact is that many of our Unitarian churches observed Young People's Sunday at their regular morning services in some way.

Here at Bulfinch Place it was celebrated on Jan. 18th, so that our young people might attend the Rally on Jan. 25. The regular church service was in charge of the Winkley Guild. Four members, Miss Adeline Pfliegaar, Miss Lillian Grant, Mr. Jean Lang, and Mr. O. A. McMurdie took part. Mr. Eliot opened the service and offered the prayer. Two brief addresses were made, upon the subject, "What Religion Means to Young People," by Miss Pfliegaar and Mr. McMurdie, these taking the place of the sermon. It was a very impressive and helpful service, and the Guild deserves great credit for having taken hold so promptly and carrying the service through so successfully.

Eliot Circle.

At a special meeting held on Friday, January 16th, interesting stories were told as to how dollars had been earned to add to our treasury. Some of these experiences were told in rhyme, and all were interesting. The day was so cold that only forty-five dollars were reported. No doubt more will follow from those who were not able to attend.

Our friends are reminded of the Valentine party to be given on Friday evening, February 13th, at half-past seven. There will be a little play presented by our members, music, valentines for sale, and, as this is Leap Year, these will be distributed by a cupidess. We are to have some new features sure to be enjoyed by all. As these are always such good times we invite everybody to come for a happy evening.

Women's Alliance.

On January 14 a Study Class meeting was held, and on January 28, Mrs. Frederick P. Bagley gave a most interesting and illuminating talk on the subject, "The Making of American Citizens." She spoke most sympathetically of the trials the newly arrived foreigners have to endure, especially emphasizing the difficulties in the way of those trying to get out their naturalization papers.

At this meeting knitting for the "Red Cross" was given out.

On Wednesday next, February 11, there will be a meeting at 10 o'clock to sew for the "Red Cross" and at 2.15 the Study Class will be held. Mrs. Vera Morton will read chapters from "Our Italian Fellow Citizens."

On Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 10 A. M., the Post Office Mission Committee will meet to send off sermons.

On Wednesday evening, February 25, Mrs. Mary Tenny Healey will speak on "What Massachusetts does for her Socially Unfit." We hope there will be a good attendance at these meetings. Everybody will be welcome.

The Guild Entertainment.

This was given on Friday evening, Jan. 23, with the following program: Reading, Miss Ruby Hudson; Piano solo, Miss Frances McNeil; Reading, Miss Alberta Harmon; Piano solo, Miss Isabel Prescott; Dance, Miss Hazel Sherman. Several of the members related their experiences in earning money for the Guild, Miss Roberts giving hers in verse.

After the entertainment there was a "Silver Tea," which added quite a little to the receipts, the total being about \$15. This enabled the Guild to redeem its pledge of \$25 for the Y. P. R. U.

Unity House.

The headquarters of the Laymen's League at No. 7 Park Square is known as Unity House. It was formerly the Georgian Hotel, now happily transformed into a center of Unitarian activities under the auspices of the League. A cordial invitation is extended to members with their friends to visit the house at any time. A cafeteria is open for lunch every day, and on Sunday evening from six to seven for the convenience of those attending the evening services. Ladies will be admitted when accompanied by members. The average attendance at the Sunday evening services has been over six hundred.

Church Calendar.

Mondays—Children's Hour, 4-5.	
Tuesdays—Girls' Gymnasium, 4-5.	
Thursdays—Teachers' Meeting, 4.30.	
Fridays—Boys' Gymnasium, 4-5.	
Saturdays—Boys' Club, 7-9.	
Feb. 10—Comfort Carriers' Club	6.30
Feb. 11—Women's Alliance	2.15
Feb. 11—Stereopticon Lecture	8.00
Feb. 13—Valentine Party	7.30
Feb. 15—Sunday School	1.45
Church Service	3.15
Feb. 18—Stereopticon Lecture	8.00
Feb. 20—C. C. C. Dance	8.00
Feb. 22—Sunday School	1.45
Church Service	3.15
Feb. 23—Primary Class Social	2.00
Feb. 25—Women's Alliance	
Evening Meeting	7.45
Stereopticon Lecture	8.00
Feb. 27—Guild Social	7.30
Feb. 29—Sunday School	1.45
Church Service	3.15
Mar. 2—Comfort Carriers' Club	6.30
Annual Meeting	
Mar. 3 Stereopticon Lecture	8.00
Mar. 5—Eliot Circle	2.30
Mar. 7 Sunday School	1.45
Church Service	3.15
Communion	4.15
Mar. 10—Women's Alliance	2.15
Mar. 12—Sunday School Supper	6.30

Items of Interest.

The annual dance of the Comfort Carriers' Club will take place at the Elizabeth Peabody House, 357 Charles St., on Friday evening, Feb. 20. Tickets at 50 cents may be bought from members of the Club. All are urged to come and have a good time.

The friendly interest of the Boy Scouts in the Saturday night club work is greatly appreciated. One by one they are taking their places, in different parts of the room, to guide and help the boys in their games. We are very glad they can hold their regular meetings on Friday nights in our vestry.

On one of the cold Monday afternoons last month, the "Children's Hour" children were surprised to find "Afternoon Tea." Of course it was not real tea, but cocoa served in dainty little cups, with tiny spoons, and napkins and crackers, passed in real "five o'clock tea" fashion. Twenty children in a circle, with the tea table spread in the centre, and a friendly word to guide the manner of "giving and receiving" made a happy time, and best of all, it was a real surprise in every way.

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Unity House, Boston.

The Christian Register calls it a Higher Life Club House, which certainly has a very familiar sound to us at Bulfinch Place, recalling the higher-life classes conducted by Mr. Winkley, and his most popular lesson book upon that subject.

Unity House, 7 Park Square, was opened on Jan. 1, 1920, as the headquarters of the Unitarian Laymen's League,

and has fully justified itself ever since. With a corps of workers, Mr. Carl B. Wetherell, Secretary, and Mr. William L. Barnard, Manager, the work of organizing Chapters has progressed rapidly, and the House itself has been kept busily useful. There are now 175 Chapters and 6500 members. The attractive Cafeteria is being well patronized, as well as the rooms for members

and guests. A number of public meetings in the interest of humane causes have been held in the large auditorium. The committee rooms have been as frequently and there are always members in the lounge and reading rooms. But the most interesting thing has been the Sunday evening meetings, fifteen in all, growing steadily in popularity and influence until the Hall has been packed to overflowing.

With a chorus of thirty voices and a symphony orchestra quintette the music has been of the best and most inspiring for the congregational singing. Laymen have presided, with strong, helpful words, and the speakers, from near and far (two from California), have brought vigorous messages of faith and adventure. Two subjects were as follows: "A Daring Faith" and "A Great Adventure." Concerning the first, treated by Rev. C. S. S. Dutton of San Francisco, we quote the following paragraphs:

"Mr. Dutton called for a re-manifestation of the courage, hardihood, adventurousness, and sure faith in God that were displayed by the Pilgrims.

"Asserting that we are in the midst of a revolution today which those who dislike the word may prefer to call an accelerated evolution, he said that we need a daring faith which will not hesitate to welcome to its standards all manner of men and women, regardless of creed or color, who are ready to bring about the brotherhood of man through love of truth and justice.

"Christianity cannot be prudent or cautious," he continued. "Safety first" is not in its creed. I am praying for an imprudent Unitarianism which is unafraid. Christians must be a company of venturesome spirits, but most churches have been excessively timid.

"No worthy cause ever came from fear, yet we are afraid ourselves; I mean that we fear men, freedom, discussions, experiments, and questionings, even our own bill of rights. We have come out of the war more divided than ever; the chasms are deeper. To rectify these conditions, we, as Christians, must be in the midst of the fray, seeking to do our share, and not stand by idly on the outside."

Ten missionaries are now being sent by the League on preaching circuits, north, south, and west. The Christian Register is being sent to 20,000 families for two months, seeking new subscrib-

ers and to awaken new interest in our free, liberal faith.

Unity House was made possible by the generosity of Mr. Horace S. Sears of Weston. Others have helped to make it usable for the League's purposes. It stands today as "a mute but eloquent witness to the growing power of a laity alive to their responsibilities, organizing to discharge their duties, and pressing forward for the regeneration of true Americanism."

Our Chapter.

The regular monthly meeting of the Bulfinch Place Chapter of the Unitarian Laymen's League was held on March 16. The recent drive has already resulted in several new members, and a noticeable increase in the church attendance.

After the business meeting Mr. Bagley spoke on Prison Reform work.

The Chapter is planning to hold a "Ladies' Night" on April 20. A good time is anticipated.

Joseph W. Morton, Secretary.

Rise Up, O Men of God.

The following hymn, written in 1911 by Rev. William P. Merrill, D.D., a Presbyterian, has been used many times at the Unity House services:

Rise up, O men of God!

Have done with lesser things,
Give heart and soul and mind and strength

To serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O men of God!

His Kingdom tarries long.
Bring in the day of brotherhood
And end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O men of God!

The Church for you doth wait,
Her strength unequal to her task;
Rise up, and make her great!

Lift high the cross of Christ!

Tread where his feet have trod;
As brothers of the Son of Man
Rise up, O men of God!

Sunday evening, at Unity House, 7.45 o'clock, for men only. Rev. William L. Sullivan, D.D., of New York, will speak upon "The Chance of a Lifetime."

Easter Services.

Though the weather was not the pleasantest, even threatening snow, the attendance at church and Sunday School was large, about 175 and 96 respectively. Both services were made bright with flowers, carols and the spirit which Easter always brings, "whatever the weather may be." After the Sunday School carols, Mr. Eliot told a story which he called "The Secret of Happiness," the purpose of which was to show that even a smile may be wonderfully helpful and bring happiness to many, as well as the one who smiles. The mother mouse, the tired horse, and the man who had lost his greatest treasure and was ready to give up in despair were all cheered to renewed and happier life by the smile of a little child; and the child himself, though sick and suffering, was made happier too.

Plants were distributed, and the little ones sang a song about "Waiting to Grow."

At the service in the church two children were christened, George Eliot McNeil and John Samarjian. Four new members were baptized and welcomed by the right hand of fellowship, William G. Ellicott, Minnie Ellicott, Alice Louise Rigby and Arthur E. Cahill.

An enlarged chorus sang Easter anthems. The flowers, in memory of Dr. Hale and others, were distributed afterwards; and also a wonderful gift of flowers from King's Chapel.

Nearly a hundred persons remained for the Communion Service. Mr. Eliot referred to the fact that it was Dr. James Freeman Clarke's birthday, and "yesterday was Dr. Hale's and tomorrow will be Mr. Winkley's," all noble examples of Faith, Hope and Love.

Lectures.

The second series of lectures has been even more successful in attendance and interest. The church has been well filled every evening, and the lectures of unusual value. At Miss Garibaldi's, on Italy, a collection was taken for the Italian wounded, amounting to \$40.10. Both of Mr. Townsend's lectures gave us the feeling that winter is over at last and the time of the singing of birds is at hand. Many people have expressed their appreciation of the lectures and it was particularly gratifying to see so many of our neighbors.

The Women's Alliance.

Members of the Alliance met on Wednesday, March 17, for an All-day "Sewing" for the Red Cross, and accomplished a good deal of work. It is hoped that all the little red petticoats will be finished at the next sewing meeting which will be held on Wednesday, April 14, at 10 A. M.

The great Alliance Event of the year, our Neighborhood meeting, took place on March 31. Delegates from over 40 Branches were invited, and over 160 persons were present. Mrs. Alva Roy Scott of Bangor, gave an interesting and inspiring talk on "The Church and the Community." A particularly pleasant feature of the occasion was the presence of half a dozen of our young women, members of the Winkley Guild, who helped in serving the refreshments.

On Wednesday afternoon, April 14 at 1.15 the last Study Class will be held. Mrs. Edward Osgood will finish reading "Our Italian Neighbors." On Wednesday evening, April 28, at 7.45, Mrs. Edward E. Allen of Watertown, will speak on "The History of the Perkins Institution." The members of the Bulfinch Place Chapter of the Laymen's League have been invited to attend this meeting in a body.

On Tuesday, April 20, at 10 A. M., the Post Office Mission Committee will meet to send out literature.

Food Sale.

The May Lend a Hand Club will hold a food sale at Mrs. Peabody's, 13 Hiliard St., Cambridge, on Wednesday, April 21, from 2 to 5.30 o'clock. Club members will gladly receive contributions of food or money at the church or at Mrs. Peabody's. Orders for bread or cake will be taken on April 20. Telephone Cam. 1197-W.

Unitarian Social Club

The Unitarian Social Club of Boston held its meeting at our church on Monday, April 5th. Supper was served to about sixty young people by a committee of our Guild, Miss Emma J. Lang, chairman. Dancing in the gymnasium during the evening made a happy time for all. We were glad to welcome these young people from many Unitarian churches of Greater Boston and to have them become acquainted with our church.

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Church Calendar.

April 14—Women's Alliance	2.15
April 18—Sunday School	1.45
Church Service	3.15
Bulfinch Place Temper-	
ance Union	4.30
Italian Concert	7.30
April 20—Laymen's League	8.00
April 25—Sunday School	1.45
Church Service	3.15
April 28—Women's Alliance.	
Annual Meeting	4.30
Evening Meeting	7.45
April 30—Winkley Guild	7.30
May 2—Sunday School	1.45
Church Service	3.15
Communion	4.15
May 4—Comfort Carriers' Club	6.30
May 7—Eliot Circle	2.30
May 14—May Festival	7.30

Eliot Circle.

Our friends of the Salvation Army have recently opened a Maternity Hospital in connection with their rescue work. It is to be called the "Eva Booth Home and Hospital," and is located on West Newton Street in the building formerly the Little Wanderers Home. Your President attended the dedication and was so impressed with the great venture that she invited a representative of the work to speak at the March meeting. This interested us so much that we were glad to accept the cordial invitation of the adjutant to visit the hospital on Friday, March 12th. Adjutant Eckerley herself conducted the party through the great building, explaining the appointments which were quite up to date in every particular. After this she told us some of the details of the work. We found that many little garments were needed for the babies, and we are now making these.

On April 2nd we celebrated the birthdays of Dr. Hale and Mr. Winkley. We like best to recall them by referring to their special characteristics as illustrated by familiar incidents. This seems to bring them closer to us. We also plan work which we know would please them. At the close of the meet-

ing pictures of birds and flowers were thrown on the screen and bird notes given on the victrola. We had intended to go from the meeting to place the memorial wreath on the statue of Dr. Hale in the Public Garden, but the weather was so stormy that we had the wreath brought to the church, instead, so that all could see it.

The attendance was wonderfully good considering the stormy weather.

Items of Interest.

Ladies' Night on April 20. Come and see what the men can do!

Remember the Unitarian Young People's Dance at Unity House, on April 16 and plan to be there. Tickets are now for sale at 75 cents.

Don't forget the mass meeting of the Y. P. R. U. at Unity House on Sunday, April 25 at 2.30. Our Guild should be there.

Bulfinch Place Church Temperance Union. Meeting on Sunday, April 18, at 4.30. Mrs. Ida Porter Boyer will speak upon "Our State and How It Reaches the Home."

The annual meeting of the Women's Alliance will be held on Wednesday, April 28, at 4.30, with supper at 6 o'clock. This will be followed by the evening meeting at which Mrs. Allen will speak. The change of date is made because both Mr. and Mrs. Eliot are to be out of town later.

The May Festival will be held on Friday evening, May 14, at 7.30. Let all the Lend a Hand Clubs take hold with enthusiasm for financial success and a good time.

The annual meeting of our Lend a Hand clubs was held in the parlors of the church on Friday evening, April 9. Reports were read and officers elected for the ensuing year. A fuller report of the meeting, with plans for the May Festival will appear in the next number of Our Work.

The record of attendance for March was not what it should have been, either for church or Sunday School. Weather conditions and sickness accounted for this in part, but the average of 61 at church and 72 at Sunday School is far too small. The number present on Easter shows what improvement is possible. The most encouraging fact is a decided gain in the number of men. Let this good work go on and then let the women "go and do likewise."

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First Steps.

The picture this month is kindly lent us by the Open Court Publishing Company of Chicago. It is from a painting by Georges Lavergne and represents a child's first steps under the mother's guiding love, symbolizing the instinctive anxiety of mankind to lead the growing generation in the right path. It is not

sufficient that the children of today be like their fathers. They should surpass us, and it is our duty to enable them to do so.

"Children are imitative and their souls are built up by the impressions which they receive. Every single experience, every observation of older folks; of pa-

rents, of nurses, but especially of older brothers and sisters, and generally of all belonging to their acquaintance, exercises a powerful influence in the building up of the character of a child.

"First impressions are especially important, as they form the basis of man's future development. Let us give children the right start in life, and let us begin at the very beginning. Let us not wait until the children have grown old enough to understand us and be capable of entering into our plans and ideas. Let us begin the work of moulding their souls while they are still plastic, and not wait until character is already forming, for then it may be too late. Let all parents join in the sentiment expressed by the great apostle of education in the words, 'Come, let us live for our children.'"—The Open Court.

Our Chapter.

About seventy-five members and friends attended Ladies' Night of the Laymen's League on April 20, at the church. After a short business meeting the evening was given over to the entertainment, which consisted of songs by Mr. Fox and clever impersonations Mr. Pearson. Refreshments were served at the close of the entertainment.

At the business meeting an important communication from the League Headquarters was read. At present there are estimated to be 6,600 members of the League. A drive for 10,000 members is being made. Every member should strive to obtain at least one new member, that we may increase our chapter membership and further the efforts of the League for 10,000 members.

Are you a member?

Our chapter's Sunday is to be on May 23.

Lend a Hand Clubs.

The Annual May Festival of the Lend a Hand Clubs will be held Friday, May 14th, at 7.30 o'clock. There will be the usual tables for the sale of flowers, candy, cookies, ice cream and cake. The John Howard club will have a Delicatessen Table, from which a light supper will be served at 6.30 o'clock. The entertainment will consist of a moving picture, "The Making of an American," and a pageant, "Maids of All Nations."

The Winkley Guild.

Another instance of why the Winkley Guild has had so many good times together was given in their costume party at Peabody House, April 30. Nearly every member was there to enjoy the dancing and sociability. The realization of the individual responsibility of each member has been a strong factor in strengthening the Guild. Next year we want to increase our membership, and it is to be our task to make other young people acquainted with the activities of our Guild; for added membership means added strength. Then let us strive to double our membership. We can do it if we try!

Women's Alliance

The annual meeting of the Women's Alliance was held Wednesday, April 28, at 4 o'clock. This meeting was followed by supper at 6 o'clock to which about 40 members and friends sat down. The regular evening meeting was held at 7.45 o'clock at which Mrs. E. E. Allen, National Director for the branch, gave a very interesting history of the Perkins Institution for the Blind at Watertown. At the annual meeting in the afternoon, interesting reports were read from the Post Office Mission and Cheerful Letter committees, showing that the year's work had greatly increased, and much good service had been given. The following officers and committees were elected: President, Mrs. C. R. Eliot; Vice-President, Miss Edith L. Jones; Treasurer, Mrs. Joseph Morton; Secretary, Miss Elinor W. Crocker; Chairman of Postoffice Committee Mrs. C. R. Eliot; Chairman of Cheerful Letter Committee, Miss Edith L. Jones; Chairman of Hospitality Committee, Miss Clara Row... Chairman of Study Class, Mrs. C. R. Eliot; Chairman of Visiting Committee, Miss Edith L. Jones; Chairman of Emergency Basket Committee, Miss Stevens.

Sunday School Picnic.

Members of the church and Sunday School are urged to reserve the 17th of June for a picnic, arrangements for which will be announced later.

The plans are in the hands of this committee: Miss Crocker, Miss Prescott, Mr. Savell, Mr. Lang, and Mr. McMurdie, chairman.

Everybody co-operate in making the picnic a success!

Saturday Nights.

The tenth season of the Saturday Night Club came to a close April 24. As the days grow longer and the parks and playgrounds open the boys spend their evenings more in the open air.

This year the attendance has been made up more from the boys of our immediate neighborhood, which has proved we are needed and appreciated. So good times have come, once a month, on the evenings Mr. and Mrs. Cronin have had the story hour, and one evening all were delighted to have Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island" given in motion pictures. Our Christmas party was a great success.

The service given by the Boy Scouts Troop with their Scoutmaster, Mr. Edward Sidman has been greatly appreciated. We are glad to extend to them the use of our vestry for their meetings Friday evenings. The influence of these young men with their habits of order, courteous manner, and spirit of friendly service has been of real value in our work this winter.

Several of our boys this year have been younger brothers of boys who came to us in the past.

Surely this "open house" on Saturday night has proved worth while, and at the end of the tenth season we look backward with satisfaction and forward with renewed courage and enthusiasm.

E. L. J.

Eliot Circle.

Our members responded so readily to the appeal for help in the making of the little garments for babies at the Salvation Army Maternity Hospital, that much has been accomplished; but there is still work to be done, and we hope that it will soon be taken.

About fifty little dresses for the children of the Salvation Army Day Nursery have been made, greatly to the delight of the Adjutant, who is relieved of this task. Some of those who did this work and visited the nursery were cordially welcomed and find a new interest in doing for these children.

At a meeting of the Vacation House Committee it was decided to open the house on Monday, June 7th, for a season of thirteen weeks, closing on Monday, September 6th, the board to be as last year. Circulars can be had for the asking. Those who can do so are advised to come in June, for greater quiet

and better accommodations than later when the house is full. Apply to Miss Stokes at the church on Tuesday or Friday, between ten and twelve during June. Later, at North Andover.

Our members are reminded of the May Festival to be held on Friday, May 14, at 7.30. We are to serve ice cream and cake in the parlors. Please extend the notice so that all may come for the good time we always have at this festival.

Anniversary Week.

This year May 23 to 28 will be observed as Anniversary Week. There will be morning prayer in King's Chapel each day at 9 o'clock. Among the meetings to be held will be the 95th annual meeting of the A. U. A. at Tremont Temple, with sessions throughout the day on Tuesday.

The Women's Alliance will have morning and afternoon sessions in Tremont Temple on Wednesday.

The 24th annual meeting of the Y. P. R. U. will be held on the afternoon of Friday, at the Second Church, with a public meeting there in the evening. On Saturday the young people will go to Concord for a picnic.

The hospitality of Unity House will be a feature of the week. Among other meetings held there, will be the public reception under the auspices of the Hospitality Committee on Tuesday evening.

The Laymen's League will hold a mass meeting at Unity House on Monday, at 8 o'clock.

Memorial Sunday.

Memorial Sunday is always such an interesting time in our Sunday School, and this year it will be unusually so, for the subject is to be Audubon, the great naturalist and bird lover. The children will tell us stories we will all like to hear and beautiful pictures of birds will be thrown on the screen. Friends are invited to come and enjoy the occasion with us at a quarter before two on Sunday, May the 30th.

Our summer holidays, whether passed at home abiding by the stuff, or in rambles far afield, whether we hear the music of the surf, or the melody of the winds, whether we linger in the valley, or climb to the mountain top, should bring us nearer God.

—Margaret E. Sangster.

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Mondays—Children's Hour, 4-5.

Church Calendar.

May 14—May Festival	6.00
May 16—Sunday School	1.45
Church Service	3.15
May 18—Laymen's League	8.00
May 18—Mildred Ellis Club	6.30
May 23—Sunday School	1.45
Church Service	3.15
May 24-28—Anniversary Week	
May 30—Sunday School	1.45
Church Service	3.15
June 1—Comfort Carriers' Club	6.30
June 3—Church Supper	6.30
Devotional Service	
June 4—Eliot Circle	2.30

It's All in the State of Mind.

Full many a race is lost

Ere even a step is run,

And many a coward fails

Ere even his work's begun.

Think big, and your deeds will grow;

Think small, and you'll fall behind;

Think that you can, and you will;

It's all in the state of mind.

If you think you're outclassed, you are;

You've got to think high to rise;

You've got to be sure of yourself before

You can ever win a prize.

Life's battles don't always go

To the stronger or faster man;

But soon or late the man who wins

Is the fellow who thinks he can.

And every morning seems to say
There's something happy on the way,
And God sends love to you.

"When we look into the long avenue
of the future and see the good there is
for each one of us to do, we realize after
all what a beautiful thing it is to
work and live and be happy."

Not what I like to do,
But what is right to do,
Not what I want to do,
But what I ought to do.

Items of Interest.

On April 29, Mr. and Mrs. Eliot started on their western trip. Mr. Eliot preached in St. Paul on Sunday, later going on to Oregon to his brother's. Mrs. Eliot will be in St. Paul and St. Louis for a few weeks. We bid them Godspeed, but shall be glad when they have had their trip and are with us again.

The May Lend a Hand Club Food Sale, held at Mrs. Peabody's house, was a great success. The very rainy day proved a blessing, as many, being unable to attend, sent money contributions. \$100 was realized.

The Sunday School collection on Easter Sunday for the Children's Mission was \$19.50.

Living—Giving.

There's a joy in living
When you make your living giving!
Sharing e'en the smiles you're wearing
Tells some that you are caring.

So continue in your giving,
For you've made your giving living,
And you're wearing smiles from sharing
With those for whom you're caring.

—Annie F. Brown.

One wonders sometimes why anyone at all interested in the church or its ideals hesitates to become a member of the church. Surely everyone who comes with such an interest and with sincerity of purpose is heartily welcome. Do we not recall the New Testament welcome? "Let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." "One in the freedom of the truth, One in the joy of paths untrod, One in the soul's perennial youth, One in the larger thought of God."

"But all God's angels come to us disguised, sorrow and sickness, poverty and death, one after the other lift their frowning masks, and we behold the Seraph's face beneath, all radiant with the glory and the calm of having looked upon the face of God."

"It is the weight of Self that overpowers
Take up another's load, it carries ours!"
—E. B. Browning.

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TO SHOW WHAT KINDNESS WILL DO.

Summer Plans.

Everyone is making summer plans, and so is the church. Services will be held as follows: June 27 at 3.15, when Rev. Earl M. Wilbur, D.D., of Berkeley, California, and President of the Pacific Unitarian School for the Ministry, will preach; July 4 and July 11 at 11 A. M.; after that, Union Services at King's Chapel at 10.30, to which all our people are cordially invited.

The church will be open every weekday from 9.30 to 12, with the minister

or one of his assistants on hand to receive visitors or to attend to matters of business.

A Summer Playroom will be conducted for the children of the neighborhood five mornings each week, from July 6 to Aug. 16, in charge of two leaders, under the direction of Miss Jones or Miss Crocker.

The Boston Flower Mission will be carried on at the church on Friday mornings with Miss Jones in charge. Other days as follows: Tuesdays at

Parker Memorial, and Thursdays at the North End Union. Gifts of flowers or fruit will be very welcome at all these places.

The Charlotte House opened on June 7 and will receive guests until Sept. 6. The committee, Miss Stokes, chairman, receives applications. Board the same as last year.

Please notify us promptly of any sickness or special need. We wish to keep in touch with our members as closely as possible, and we stand ready to serve in any way we can.

Regular church services will be resumed on Sept. 12, and the Sunday School will open on Sept. 19. The Rally will take place on Sept. 24, and the first church meeting on Sept. 30.

A happy summer to all.

Lend-a-Hand Clubs.

The annual meeting of the Lend-a-Hand Clubs was held on Friday, April 9. Although the attendance was small, it was a good meeting. Eight clubs were represented and an interesting report was read from each. The clubs had again placed the memorial wreath on Dr. Hale's statue on the Public Garden and had contributed during the year \$10 to the Flower Mission.

Miss Brown, Superintendent of the Lend-a-Hand Society, brought an interesting exhibit of work done by other clubs, with suggestions of what might be done by ours.

The officers of last year were unanimously re-elected: Pres., Rev. C. R. Eliot; Vice-pres., Mrs. Archer; Secretary, Miss Crocker; Treasurer, Miss Rogers. Chairman of Wreath Committee, Miss Stokes.

The meeting closed with a word of encouragement from Mr. Eliot and a plea for continued interest and greater service, after which light refreshments were served.

The May Festival is always a happy time, and this year was no exception. There were tables for the sale of Household Necessities, Flowers, Cookies, Ice-cream and Cake. The Frances S. Merrill and Hale Clubs had a table together at which were sold lollipops in fancy dresses. The John Howard Club had as usual a Delicatessen table, from which a light supper was served. There was dancing in the gymnasium in charge of the Mildred Ellis Club. The re-

ceipts of the various clubs were very satisfactory.

The entertainment consisted of a very interesting moving picture, entitled "The Making of an American." This was followed by a pageant called "The Maids of Nations" and the following countries were represented by eight young girls of the Sunday School: America, Miss Frances McNeil; England, Miss Catharine Shackford; Holland, Miss Martha Gerritsma; Belgium, Miss Elizabeth Lang; Switzerland, Miss Helen Pfeleghaar; Italy, Miss Ida Randall.

The entertainment closed with a character dance by Miss Hazel Sherman.

Eliot Circle.

It is always our pleasure to hear from our Counselor at the June meeting. This year we had the special privilege of hearing an account of his recent trip to Portland, Oregon. The descriptions were so interesting and the views so fine that we all felt as if we must go at the earliest opportunity.

After the address we attended to business and listened to music by our chorus, Miss Clark, and Miss Mildred Van Arsdalen. The attendance was large, quite filling the parlor.

The Charlotte Home is open and some of our friends are already enjoying the beauty of the country. We hope that during the summer many tired women will find rest and refreshment in this lovely spot and return with fresh courage to face life's duties and problems.

Our annual picnic will be held at Oak Island, Revere, on Friday, June 25. The first party will leave Atlantic Avenue at 10 o'clock. Mrs. Dwire will have tickets at reduced rates for those who come at that time. Those who cannot come then are urged to come later. Bring lunch and cup for coffee, which will be provided. Plan to have friends come from business for supper and to enjoy the evening at the seashore. Games at 2 o'clock, in charge of Mr. Ellicott and the Committee. Everybody is invited for a good day out-of-doors.

A recent count shows that there are 196 members of Bulfinch Place Church. A considerable proportion of these live so far away that attendance at church is impossible. There were nine additions in 1919 and four on Easter, 1920.

Old Ladies' Party.

The seventy-third Old Ladies' Party was held on Wednesday, June 9. It was one of the perfect June days of which the poets sing. In spite of the backward season there were plenty of flowers, though we missed the roses. One hundred and twenty-seven guests were seated at the tables, and about sixty helpers afterwards. Everything went smoothly as clockwork, and it was another happy time.

A pleasant incident was the christening of two children, Shirley Fay Oden and June Loraine Magnus.

The entertainment included songs by Miss Alice Florentine and Mr. Caleb P. Fox, a play by Miss Pfeeghaar, Miss Alice Lund, and Miss Thelma Lund, and a Pageant of Nations. Before the regular program, in the parlors, Mrs. Zoeth Knowles and Mrs. Gill kept things merry by pleasant greetings and recitations. Mrs. Griffin was responsible for the decorations, Miss Leon for the entertainment, and Miss Jones for everything.

A touching letter was received from a lady unable to attend (Mrs. M. J. Plumley), referring to the fact that she was married by Rev. S. H. Winkley fifty-five years ago, and also speaking of his kindness afterwards. She enclosed a substantial gift to help in the entertainment, and "in remembrance of the good man."

Children's Sunday

The Howard Sunday School closed the season on June 20 with Children's and Flower Sunday, a service for the school and congregation together. The pulpit was beautifully decorated with daisies, syringa, peonies, yellow lilies and roses. The day was perfect, and the church was well filled. The service consisted of carols and a pageant presented by fifteen children, each costumed to represent one of the flowers, and reciting appropriate lines. This was arranged by Miss Annie F. Brown. There was a christening service, with five babies, as follows: Charles Francis Bell, Doris Roberta Gibbons, Carroll Adams Russell, Jr., Amelia Alice McGowan, Frederic Cragin McMurdie. One new member was welcomed to the church, Mrs. Carrie E. Kittridge.

Rev. Chester A. Drummond of Somerville was the speaker, and we shall not soon forget his story of the oyster and the little red crab.

Howard Sunday School.

Two special Sundays deserve mention, May 23 and May 30. During the Superintendent's absence in the West, a religious play had been prepared by Mrs. Peabody's class as a surprise, and this was given on May 23d. It was part of the story of Saul and David. The tent on the platform and the historic costumes and the good acting made it a real success, but the spirit of reverence was most impressive. This is the second Scriptural play or pageant the Sunday School has given and we certainly hope there will be many more.

On May 30, Memorial Sunday, the younger children, taught by Miss Mabel Foster, gave an exhibition of stereoscopic pictures in honor of Audubon and the birds. It was extremely interesting. The children described the pictures and one of the boys imitated the bird notes very cleverly.

The last quarterly meeting of the teachers was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Eliot on Tuesday evening, April 27. There were seventeen present.

We are planning to devote several evenings in the fall to the story of the Pilgrims and the Tercentenary Celebration.

The Women's Alliance.

The first meeting in the fall, preliminary to the regular meetings, will be held on Sept. 29 and the Study Class on Oct. 13. The Committee is preparing a program which will be ready at that time. It will include three study class meetings on the Pilgrims and the Tercentenary.

The usual sale of preserves and food will be held early in December.

From the Salvation Army.

Boston, Mass., June 8, 1920.
Rev. Dr. Eliot.

Unitarian Church, Bulfinch St.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir and Brother: I want to thank you on behalf of every delegate who attended the Salvation Army Conference last week for your great kindness and co-operation which helped to make our gathering the success that it was.

A more ideal building to hold our councils in than your sweet little auditorium it would be impossible to find.

Praying that God may abundantly bless you in all your labors for Him.

Yours very truly,

Thomas Seaver, Staff-Captain.

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The Winkley Guild.

The Annual Meeting of the Guild was held on Friday, June 4. The following officers were elected: President, Miss Adeline Pfliegaar; Vice-President, Mr. Charles Savell; Secretary, Miss Emma Fritz; Treasurer, Mr. Rudolph Peterson.

It was voted to give twenty-five dollars to the Y. P. R. U. for the coming year.

The President, Miss Pfliegaar, is now on her way to Chicago, traveling by automobile with Mrs. Emily Cook, to attend a School for the Training of Religious Leaders, at the University of Chicago. As we all know, Miss Pfliegaar has been made National Secretary of the Y. P. R. U.

At the last Sunday meeting of the Guild Mr. Eliot, the Guild Counselor, gave an address upon "Overcoming Difficulties." He pointed out three ways: first, to go around the difficulty; second, to climb over it; and third, to go straight through it. The first means tact and goodwill; the second, patience, perseverance and hard work; the third, courage, fortitude and faith. Compare the engineer who lays out a railroad through a mountainous country. He sometimes winds his way around the hills, and sometimes climbs over them; but sometimes he must tunnel them and go straight through.

The Committee is at work preparing a program for next year.

Anniversary Week.

This was the twenty-first season of Anniversary Week hospitality at our church and as usual luncheons were served on four days, with a total attendance of about 1500. Miss Louise Brown was in charge, with the able assistance of Miss Jones, Mrs. Dole, Mrs. Aline, Mrs. Chandler Smith and many others. A number of our own Alliance members served as a reception committee or helped in other ways. Many inquiries were made for Mrs. Eliot, absent for the first time because of a visit in St. Paul and St. Louis. She has

been chosen chairman of the Hospitality Committee for next year.

Many of the guests gave hearty expression to their pleasure and gratitude, saying again that these luncheons and the sociability of Bulfinch Place Church are the best part of the week's hospitality.

Boy Scouts—Troop 8.

On Friday evening, June 11, a meeting of Troop 8 was held in honor of Mr. Edward Sidman, its Scoutmaster, who is leaving Boston to make his home in Chicago. The boys had prepared a special program which was very entertaining. The members were present in full force, and also several invited guests. After ice-cream and cake had been served, a loving cup was presented to Mr. Sidman by the Troop, and several addresses were made in recognition of his fidelity and success as a leader. He has missed only one meeting in three and a half years, and that on account of sickness. The boys too came in for their share of praise. A handsome shield hangs on the wall of the vestry, the trophy won by the Troop for all-round efficiency in a contest lasting all winter, in which nine troops of the West End and Back Bay were entered. Three efficiency medals were presented, a gold one to Maurice Steinberg, a silver one to Benjamin Schweitzer, and a bronze one to Max Barron. Life and Star Scout Badges also were awarded to Maurice Steinberg by the New York Headquarters, making him one of the leading scouts of Boston.

The boys will never forget Mr. Sidman and they mean to prove this by their success in the future. It is this troop that has been so helpful on Saturday evenings here at the church.

During Mr. Eliot's absence we had the pleasure of welcoming to our pulpit Rev. Abbot Peterson of Brookline, Rev. Houghton Page of Hingham, and Rev. Samuel C. Beane of Dorchester. The Laymen's League was obliged to postpone its service on May 23d and so invited Rev. Charles T. Billings of Belmont to assist Mr. Eliot on that Sunday. Mr. Eliot preached in St. Paul on May 2, and in Portland, Oregon, on May 16, also speaking to the Sunday School there and to the students at Reed College.

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The House by the Side of the Road.

"There are hermit souls that live withdrawn
In the peace of their self-content;
There are souls, like stars, that dwell apart,
In a fellowless firmament;
There are pioneer souls that blaze their paths
Where highways never ran;—
But let me live by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

"Let me live in my house by the side of the road
Where the race of men go by;
They are good, they are bad, they are weak, they are strong,
Wise, foolish; so am I.
Then why should I sit in a scorner's seat
Or hurl the cynic's ban?
Let me live in my house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man."

SAM WALTER FOSS

Friendliness

Sam Walter Foss, on one of his trips afoot through England, came, at the top of a long hill, to a little, unpainted house, set almost in the road. His eye caught a rude, home-made sign-post finger that pointed to a winding well-worn path, and bearing the greeting, "Come in and have a cool drink."

Foss was thirsty and the sign's invitation appealed to him. He followed the path and found, in the side of the bank, some distance from the house, a spring of ice-cold water into which a barrel had been sunk and above which hung an old-fashioned gourd dipper.

After he had drunk of the cool water, Foss' eye, roving about, saw a basket of fine red apples on a bench near at hand and a sign which read, "Help yourself."

Some people would have seen only the spring and the apples but Foss saw more. He went back to the house and found a childless old couple, in straitened circumstances, whose only source of livelihood was the little rocky farm that produced an abundance of fruit and the cool spring water.

The old man explained that they were too poor to give money, so added their mite to the world's well-doing by inviting all who passed to come in and refresh themselves in the cooling draughts from the spring and bites of the apples and plums and other luscious fruits which were daily placed in the basket by the spring.

And Foss immortalized for the world with his pen the spirit of the ideal home in his poem, "The House by the Side of the Road."

From "Green Pastures"
—H. P. Hood & Sons.

Easter Services

Although the weather was not the brightest, we never had a better attendance than this year and the question was asked, we are sure, by many, "If on Easter, why not oftener?"

The chorus choir, assisted by Miss Alice Florence and Mr. Chester Cook, gave three selections under the direction of Mrs. Breed and Mr. Taylor. The floral decorations were beautiful and included several memorial gifts, especially one from Mrs. Chas. H. C. Brown. Two babies were christened, Edwin M. Walker and Levina Tyler Hine. Six new members were welcomed to the church, John S. Carlson, D. Edgar Nickerson, Phoebe O. McNeil, Frances L. McNeil, Helen E. Holmes and Katherine G. Shackford.

Mr. Eliot's sermon was from the text in Phil. III, 13; "Reaching forth unto those things which are before." He based his argument for the life to come not only upon the vision of things before but upon the inward pressure of the spirit which makes the individual, and all mankind, and the Universe itself, reach forth to attain them. On the lower levels it is the desire to better conditions for oneself or family. It is the wondering and dreaming of little children, of poets and prophets, and of Jesus himself. It is manifested in the ideals, prophecies, heroic endeavor, and the immortal faith, hope and love of mankind. Shall we not trust it as a revelation of the divine purpose and will? "Through making us hope for immortality, God has made us a promise of it. The tomorrow of the world is a purpose in the mind of God, and so is the great tomorrow of my soul."

In the Sunday School, Easter plants were distributed; also Easter eggs to the little ones (the gift of Miss Annie Cummings in memory of Dr. Hale); and the usual Easter carols were sung. Mr. Eliot told the story of Fra Angelico's pupil Lorenzo, who was transformed in character, from rudeness and vulgarity to gentleness and beauty, by being told to study and paint the face of the Christ.

The Howard Sunday School

The Howard Sunday School teachers gave a supper for their classes on Friday Evening, March 11, at 6.30. The

superintendent presided, but the most important part was taken by the supper and entertainment committee, Mrs. Peabody, Miss Pfleghaar and Miss Eliot.

The "eats" were good and the entertainment was jolly—in fact highly amusing. For the teachers did it—"The Graduating Exercises of the Knutville High School"! Mr. Breed was County Superintendent, Mr. McMurdie, the Schoolmaster; and what a bunch of pupils!

And the program!

And the speeches!

And the costumes!

Truly no one ever saw the like at Bulfinch Place and none of us ever laughed more heartily. It was certainly surprising and clever.

One of the pleasant things was the presence of so many parents, especially invited to meet the Sunday School. At the superintendent's table there were eight men! Think of that! Taking it all in all, it was the best Sunday School Supper we have ever had.

Helping the Sunday School

Sometime ago the Superintendent asked the classes to answer the question, "How can we help the Sunday School?" Here are some of the replies:

"Come every Sunday this year."

"Tell all your friends to come, and have good books to read."

"Help your class to sing. Make yours the banner class every Sunday. Save your pennies for the Children's Mission."

"Have the teachers and pupils cooperate in being regular and punctual."

"Cultivate the friendly spirit, forgetting yourself."

"Be loyal. Have a worshipful spirit."

"Have conversation cease when the bell rings"—i. e. when the piano begins.

"Be regular in order to secure consecutive interest in the lessons."

Women's Alliance

At the last meeting of the Alliance it was voted to appropriate \$30.00 to help pay the expenses of two members of the Winkley Guild to the Isles of Shoals Summer meetings, July 2 to 9.

The "Annual Guest Day" took place on March 23. Ninety-six members of neighboring Alliances were present and listened with great interest to Dr. Doremus Scudder's talk on "Russia and the Soviet Government." The April meetings will be as follows:

April 13, all day sewing on City Hospital "Layettes"—with Box Lunch. At 2.15 P. M. Study Class meeting. Miss Gertrude L. Farmer will tell of "Social Service Work at the Boston City Hospital," and Miss Mary Gill will speak about "Junior Alliances."

Wednesday, April 27, at 7.45 P. M., Miss Ammidon will tell us of her "Missionary Work on the Coast of Maine."

The Eliot Circle

On Friday, April 1, we celebrated the birthdays of Dr. Hale and Mr. Winkley, not in a formal way but with affectionate interest. Selections were read from Dr. Hale's "Memories of One Hundred Years," the account of the celebration of his eightieth birthday in Symphony Hall, and an article in the Christian Register by Mr. Eliot in which he spoke of Dr. Hale as the founder and inspirer of the Lend-a-Hand Society. Quotations on Immortality from Mr. Winkley's "Treasured Thoughts" were quite in keeping with the Easter Season, as were the selections sung by our chorus.

It was decided to serve a social lunch on Friday, April 15, at one o'clock, tickets to be 35 cents. This is for our members, and we hope to seat 100. Tickets can be had at the door. A suggestion box will be provided, so please put on your thinking-caps and come with suggestions as to how we can increase our usefulness.

Copies of the poem read by Mrs. Blye will be ready at that time.

The Mildred Ellis Club

The annual supper was held on Tuesday evening, March 29. Once again a candle was placed at the plate of each one present. Mr. Eliot, after lighting the first, spoke of the spreading of light and truth from our own lives to others.

This year the absent members of the club lighted candles in their own homes, at half past seven, just when we at the table were lighting ours.

Mrs. Isabel Prescott Axtell in Bloomfield, Iowa, the farthest away, suggested that this be done. A telegram was received from another member, Mrs. Edith Peterson Mattson, from her home in Philadelphia, with friendly messages.

This club was named for the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Strong, who died just about the time we were organized. The friendly interest of this family has always been helpful. It was a pleasure this year to have Mr. and Mrs. Strong and three of their sons with us.

The table decorations were Jonquils, the club flower. At the close of a few annual greetings, Miss Alice Lund sang and Miss Margaret E. Sayward told two beautiful stories, one about "Mother Love" and one with the message of "the life which maketh all things new."

As the years pass by these gatherings become full of precious memories and their influence more and more a part of our lives.

Christopher R. Eliot Club

At the meeting of the Christopher R. Eliot Club on April 2, Miss Crocker told the children about Miss Fanny Merrill who taught the Infant Class when she (Miss Crocker) was a little girl. It was a good talk, full of precious memories and the love which everyone who knew Miss Merrill cherished.

Bird Songs and Pictures

A great pleasure is in store for those who attend the Bird Lecture to be given at our church on Saturday afternoon, April 23, at 3 o'clock. The lecturer, Mr. Edward Avis, is celebrated for his delightful imitations of the bird songs. His pictures and descriptions too are charming. No one should miss this unusual opportunity.—Come and bring the children!

Tickets are for sale at 25 and 15 cents and may be obtained from members of the May Club or at the church. The proceeds will be divided between the Lend-a-Hand work of the Club and the suffering children of Europe.

Counting up persons with whom our church comes into touch regularly every week or month, the number is 765. This does not include the Summer School.

Church Calendar

Mondays—Children's Hour	4—5
Tuesdays—Italian Class	4—5
Wednesdays—Friendship Club	7—9
Thursdays—Italian Class	4—5
Saturdays—Open House for Boys	7—9
April 13—Women's Alliance	
Study Class	2.15
April 15—Eliot Circle Social Lunch	1.00
April 17—Church Service	3.15
Sunday School	1.45
Temperance Union	4.30
April 22—Guild Play	8.00
April 23—Bird Lecture	3.00
April 24—Sunday School	1.45
Church Service	3.15
April 26—L. L. Annual Meeting	8.00
April 27—Women's Alliance	
Evening Meeting	7.30
May 1—Sunday School	1.45
Church Service	3.15
Communion	4.15
May 3—Comfort Carriers' Club	7.30
May 4—Women's Alliance	
Annual Meeting	11.00
May 6—Eliot Circle	2.30
May 7—Christopher R. Eliot Club	2.00

Items of Interest

The Sunday School subject for April is "Perseverance." The classes are asked to bring in stories illustrating this virtue on April 17 and appropriate texts from the Bible on April 24. The list of subjects thus far, beginning with November, is as follows: Gratitude, Goodwill, Aspiration, Loyalty, Faithfulness, Perseverance.

In reply to a letter from the superintendent of the Howard Sunday School, one has been received from Mrs. Martha B. Watkins and Miss Ida M. Babb, sisters of Mr. George Babb from whom the legacy of three thousand dollars for the benefit of the Sunday School was recently received. They live in Bridgeport, Conn. In the letter Mrs. Watkins says: "We were brought up in the Howard Sunday School when it was on Pitts Street and Mr. Winkley was the minister and Miss Fanny Merrill the assistant. My brother was always an active worker in the church as long as he lived in Boston and he left the legacy in memory of the great influence the little Chapel had had in his life. It is a great satisfaction to my sister and

myself to know that the money will be helpful."

On Saturday, April 2, about fifty persons gathered around the statue of Dr. Hale, on the Public Garden, when the memorial wreath was hung by our Lend-a-Hand clubs. Sixteen members of the Christopher R. Eliot Club and representatives of other clubs, were present. It was particularly pleasant to welcome a group of Chinese women and children, who had heard about it through one of the Public Schools. How this would have pleased Dr. Hale. The exercises were brief including a few words from Mr. Eliot, President of the Lend-a-Hand Society, the Mot-toes, and two verses of "America." Mr. Ellicott, always ready to lend a hand, hung the wreath, Miss Stokes was chairman of the Committee.

The Easter contribution in the Sunday School for the Children's Mission was \$14.00, making the total since Christmas \$59.50. This was a little more than last year, in proportion to the number of Sundays. A good letter of thanks was received from Mr. Field, General Secretary of the Mission. The Mission is now at 29 Fayette Street, but will be housed permanently by next winter at 20 Ashburton Place.

The annual meeting of the Bulfinch Place Chapter of the Laymen's League will be held on Tuesday evening, April 26, at 8 o'clock. Will not every member make a special effort to be present. We have over thirty members. There were fifteen present at the meeting on March 15 and they had a lot of fun. This meeting was in charge of the young men's Sunday School class. Come again and make it thirty next time.

The Guild Play

On Friday evening, April 22, the annual entertainment of the Winkley Guild will be given to raise money for its treasury. The Guild pays for one copy of "Our Work" each year. It makes an annual contribution to the Boston Federation and the Y. P. R. U. For these and other expenses it appeals through its annual entertainment.

The program this year includes two Plays as follows: "The Queen of Hearts" and "Fleurette & Co."

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THE NATIVITY

The Christmas picture in this number of *Our Work* is kindly lent us by the Beacon Press and is taken from a recent publication, "The Nativity" and "The Consecration of Sir Galahad", by Rev. and Mrs. Eugene R. Shippen, the result of the remarkable pageants given in their church for three years at Christmas and Easter. All of us who witnessed these pageants or were present for the simpler but impressive pageant given last Christmas at our own Candlelight Service, can testify to the value of such a presentation of the Christmas story. We are looking forward to a similar pageant this year, on Sunday, Dec. 23, at 3.15 p.m., when the Sunday School and Congregation will meet together for the Candlelight Service.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

HOWARD SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Kindness"

This is our subject for thought and deed in December of 1923.

The Bible readings are: Eph. iv, 31-32, and Luke x, 25-37. This is the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

We are glad to make special mention of the success of the Sunday School table at the Alliance Fair. Nearly \$100.00 was netted.

Perfect attendance in November: Mary Shackford, Ethel Leavens, Kenneth Brown, Marie Ellicott, Marjorie Ellicott, Helen Smith, Robert Leavens, John Perenti, Frank Perenti, Miss Gertrude Rogers, Miss Mary Clapp, Mrs. Alice Shackford, Miss H. G. Green, Miss Helen Pfeeghaar, Mrs. Eliot, Miss Green, Mrs. Mae Hubbard, Miss Clara B. Rowe, Miss K. R. Stokes, Albert Cook, Hugh McDonald, Miss Thelma Lund, Hobart McCon-

nell, Miss Clare Brown, Barbara Harris, Charles Andronian, Miss Elizabeth Harris, Miss Elinor W. Crocker and Miss E. L. Jones.

Marjorie Ellicott should have been listed also last month as having a perfect record for October.

The Committee on the Children's Mission Christmas consists of the following persons: Mrs. Emily Elliott, Miss Thelma Lund, Miss Elizabeth Harris, Charles Hampton and Hobart McConnell.

The Sunday School collection on Dec. 2 for this work was \$7.50.

It is planned to make presents to six children, also to decorate Miss Merrill's picture at the Mission, and to provide entertainment for the children at the Maplewood Private Hospital.

The membership of the Committee on the Christmas Pageant and Candlelight Service is as follows: Mrs. Peabody, Miss Mabel Foster, Miss Marguerite Pfeleghaar, Miss Emma J. Lang, Miss Clare Brown, Miss K. R. Stokes and Miss E. L. Jones.

A CHRISTMAS CATECHISM

By Maud Lindsay

Who was born on Christmas Day?

Little Baby Jesus.
Blessed little Christmas Child;
Pure, and sweet, and fair and mild
In his mother's arms he smiled;
Little Baby Jesus.

Where was Baby Jesus born?

In a lowly stable.
There where cows and oxen fed
Mary made his little bed.
Nowhere else to lay his head
Had the Baby Jesus.

Who told the news that he was born?

God's own holy angels,
Singing in the starry sky
Praises sweet to God on high;
'Twas a heavenly lullaby
For the Baby Jesus.

Who came to see him where he lay?

Kings and humble shepherds;
And they marveled much to see
In the hay the Baby wee,
King of earth and heaven was he,
Little Baby Jesus.

THE ELIOT CIRCLE

At the Christmas meeting held on Dec. 7, a Christmas story was read. Miss Billings of the Children's Preventorium Work gave a short address. Plans for our Christmas celebration were considered.

The Children's Party will take place on New Year's Day at half past two. Please note this and send names, addresses and ages of children for whom invitations are desired to Miss Stokes at the Church before Friday, Dec. 21. This is important that cards may go out in good season.

We are to have a Valentine Festival on Tuesday, Feb. 12. It will be an all-day affair with lunch and supper. There will be tables for the sale of candy, cooked food, and all sorts of things. There will be also a Charlotte Home table, furnished entirely by those who have been guests at the Home. In the evening a little play, music, and a reunion. Please begin now to get ready for this wonderful time.

The following poem on our motto was written by our friend, Miss Sarah Hastings. We are glad to share it with the readers of Our Work.

K. R. S.

ICH DIEN

(I Serve)

Not as those whose only aim
Is to gain a hollow fame;
Not as those in stations high
Looming large in the world's eye;

But along life's common way,
I would help as best I may;
Be it but a friendly smile
Tired workers to beguile.

Sometimes just a word of cheer
Courage gives and drives out fear;
Clasp of hand with one in grief
Gives a heartbeat of relief.

Willing hand beneath the load
Someone carries on the road,
Shortens oft the uphill way,
Throws a gleam across the gray.

Life is hard enough—let's try
Bright'ning it as we pass by.
Look for chances e'en tho' small,
Love and serve. Is that not all?
Sarah R. Hastings.

The returns from the lecture, "The Fool", are announced as \$42.95.

LAYMEN'S SUNDAY

Laymen's League Sunday will be celebrated throughout the Unitarian Church in America on Sunday, December 9. Our Chapter will hold its special service at 3.15 p.m. under the leadership of the President, Mr. McConnell, who will deliver the sermon. He will be assisted in the service by other members of the Chapter and by a chorus of men's voices.

One fundamental purpose of the work of the Laymen's League is to increase the attendance of the Church members at the Sunday services. This is part of the campaign which our League is conducting each year.

A collection for the children of the "Near East" will be taken at this service.

THE LAYMEN'S LEAGUE CHAPTER

Our November meeting was addressed by Mr. Dempster of Berkeley, Calif., now a Divinity Student at Harvard, and assistant at King's Chapel. There were 15 members present, and 10 or 12 boys as our guests. Mr. Dempster gave us a very interesting account of the founding of Unitarianism on the Pacific coast, and then pointed out how the different branches of the denomination were co-operating to-day. After the meeting we had a fine oyster stew, made by our good friend Mrs. Shackford, and then home-made pies, with cheese and coffee.

The next regular meeting will be a Christmas party at 8 p.m. on Dec. 18. Details will be announced later. Let each member reserve that night, and come to the meeting.

For the balance of the year we are planning a program of interest and we hope the members of the Chapter will reserve the third Tuesday of each month until May, 1924, as their night at Bulfinch Place Church of the Unitarian Laymen's League. It is not enough to join; we should come.

O. Arthur McMurdie, Sec.

STATEMENT OF FAITH UNITARIAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE

We worship the living God our Father and our Friend.

We are disciples of Jesus of Nazareth, teacher of the love of God and the way of life.

We believe in the infinite worth of man and his power of unending growth.

We believe in Liberty, Democracy and

Law, as assential to human progress. We pray for help to worship God sincerely, and to serve our brothers faithfully.

We ever seek more truth and light.

WINKLEY GUILD

A meeting of the Winkley Guild was held Friday evening, Nov. 23. Supper was served to the members and a short business meeting followed. The social hour was devoted to the entertainment of fifteen blind girls from Perkin's Institute accompanied by one of their teachers. Precisely at 7.30 the autos arrived bringing our guests. They were immediately taken to the Gymnasium where we played games and danced. After the dancing, refreshments were served.

The social was heartily enjoyed by the members and guests, and a feeling of happiness filled the hearts of the hosts and hostesses because they had devoted one of their own socials to giving others a good time.

Elizabeth Harris, Sec.

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

November has been an unusually full month for the Alliance. On Wednesday, Nov. 14 the Study Class began its winter's work with the reading, by Mrs. Peabody, of several chapters of an exceedingly interesting little book entitled "By an Unknown Disciple". On Nov. 21 and 22 the Fair was held and was a great success financially and socially. About \$630 was cleared, thanks to the fine help of our many friends. We should like especially to mention the Howard Sunday School table, which made nearly double the amount of last time.

The regular meeting was held on Tuesday, Nov. 27. Miss Evelyn Sears, National Director, was present and spoke, and Miss Effie E. Whitman presented various Alliance appeals.

The next regular meeting of the Alliance will be an evening meeting, on Wednesday, Dec. 19. Mr. Chas. W. McConnell and Mr. C. Rudolph Peterson will speak on the Isles of Shoals meetings held last summer.

Roses, planted on one side of a fence, have a delightful way of pushing through the palings, and hanging sprays of blossoms over in the next yard. Let us cultivate the rose habit. Whatever is sweet and beautiful in us share it as much as we can with others.—Ariel.

BULFINCH PLACE CHURCH

Open daily from 10 to 12.

Minister—Rev. Christopher R. Eliot.

Residence—2 West Cedar Street.

Associate—Rev. Harold L. Pickett.

Office—25 Beacon Street.

Assistants—Miss E. L. Jones, Miss K. R. Stokes.

Sexton—Mr. Wm. G. Ellicott.

Church Phone—Bowdoin 3318-J.

Children's Hour—every Monday, 4-5.

Friendship Club—every Tuesday, 7-9.

Troop 8, B.S.A.—every Friday, 8.

Open House for Boys—every Saturday, 7-9.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

December

9—Sunday School	1 45
Winkley Guild	2
Laymen's Service	3 15
12—Women's Alliance Study Class	2 15
16—Sunday School	1 45
Church Service	3 15
17—Sunday School Teachers Union Christmas Meeting ...	6
18—Laymen's League	8
19—Women's Alliance Evening Meeting	7 45
21—Children's Hour Christmas Party	3
23—Sunday School	1 45
Christmas Candlelight Service	3 15
27—Christmas Tree	7 30
28—Winkley Guild Social	7 30
30—Sunday School	1 45
Church Service	3 15

January

1—Eliot Circle Children's Party	2 30
2—Comfort Carriers Club	6 30
4—Eliot Circle	2 30
5—Christopher R. Eliot Club, Jr.	2
6—Sunday School	1 45
Church Service	3 15
Communion Service	4 15
9—Women's Alliance Study Class	2 15

TEMPERANCE UNION

A meeting of the Bulfinch Place Temperance Union was held Sunday, Nov. 25, at 4.30 p.m. Mr. Ezra Breed, Chairman of the Temperance Committee, introducing the speaker, Mrs. Whiting of Cambridge. Her subject was taken from the book "Save America". She advocated electing to Congress those who will not fail to uphold our laws and prevent nullification of the 18th Amendment. This means responsibility and work on the part of our citizens. It is up to each one of us to save America!

ITEMS OF INTEREST

A special limited edition of Christmas cards, reproducing in color the beautiful Wyeth paintings illustrating six of the parables of Jesus, have been prepared by the Laymen's League and will be on sale at Unity House beginning Monday, Dec. 3. The Unitarians of Greater Boston are cordially invited to avail themselves of this opportunity to obtain at a moderate expense attractive and appropriate Christmas cards not available to the general public.

The Christopher R. Eliot, Jr., Lend a Hand Club has elected officers as follows: president, Gladys Leavens; secretary, Barbara Harris; treasurer, Syble Ellicott.

The Comfort Carriers Club gave a supper and entertainment on Wednesday evening, Dec. 5.

About one hundred and thirty were present to enjoy the supper at 6.30, and the entertainment which followed.

X-mas Seals for the Boston Tuberculosis Association and the Prerdagast Preventorium are for sale at the Church. Apply to Miss Stokes or Miss Jones. Another good cause to help and make our Christmas happier.

About fifty boys have enrolled in the Saturday Night Club. Five meetings have been held with good times for all. Mr. Robert Raible of the Elizabeth Peabody House and Harvard Theological School is one of the directors of games. Another helper is Mr. Donald Stow, a graduate of Proctor Academy last June and now with Filene's. Some new equipment has been purchased and the open house for boys promises to prosper and do a worth while part this winter for the boys of Beacon Hill and vicinity.

THE HERALD STARS

In the silence, through the night,
Shine the stars, as clear and bright
As the one that rose to hail the Saviour's birth.

And every twinkling star
Seems to herald from afar
The coming of another child to earth.

When the nights are cool and clear,
I can almost seem to hear
The chorus of the angels rise again
To proclaim the COMING RACE.
That shall war and wrong efface,
And bring good-will on earth, and peace to men.

Anita Trueman Pickett.

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No. 4

The Spirit of Youth in the Life of the Church is the Hope of the World

This is Young People's Number of "Our Work" and it is Young People's Sunday in our churches. The service to-day will be conducted by the Winkley Guild with a sermon by Mr. Herbert Johnson.

A WORD OF CHEER

It is interesting to hear Dr. Wm. Healy, director of the Judge Baker Foundation, state that there are fewer children passing through the Juvenile Court of Boston, than for some time past. When asked the cause of this good news, he replied: "One reason is the better organized work being done for and with the children." The Boy and Girl Scout movement, the organized club work in the settlements, public schools and churches—all help older people to understand the child, and the child to understand himself.

At the Lancaster Theatre, near the North Station, every Saturday afternoon you may hear a chorus of the children of the neighborhood, who have been organized for the purpose of educating them in music. A chorus of ninety children, boys and girls, the youngest six years of age, the oldest fourteen years, is a most interesting group to study. This is "Young People's Week", an appropriate time for Dr. Healy's word of encouragement. It is also a satisfaction to know that in our Winkley Guild, the Christopher R. Eliot Clubs (Senior and Junior), the Friendship Club, the Children's Hour, and the Saturday Night Boys Club, we have opportunities to show the seeds of high thinking and right living, and always with the friendly interest which helps to keep the world akin.

E. L. Jones.

HOWARD SUNDAY SCHOOL

The annual teachers' meeting was held at the church on Jan. 15, having sup-

per at 6.30 as the guests of Miss Faulkner, to whose hospitality we owe so many such meetings. Miss Faulkner was unable to be present, but the teachers gathered around the telephone and sent her their message of appreciation.

The annual business was transacted as usual, with reports for the year and the election of officers. The treasurer reported a balance of \$42.66 and total expenditures of \$636.08, including \$100 for the new hymn books and \$50 for the church, and the expenses of a delegate to the Isles of Shoals Sunday School Institute. The Sunday School gave \$178 to the Children's Mission during the year. Mr. Eliot spoke strongly of the need of building up the school in membership. A vote of thanks was passed for a gift of money from Our Chapter of the Laymen's League, for the Christmas Festival. The Sunday School Supper will be given by the teachers on March 13.

Total attendance January, 1924, to January, 1925, 2592; average attendance each Sunday, 68; highest attendance (Easter Sunday), 84; lowest attendance, Jan. 27, 1924 (very cold, 14° below zero), 55. Teachers with perfect attendance for the above period: Miss Green, Miss Lund, and Miss Crocker. Scholars with perfect attendance for the above period: Mr. Ellicott, Mrs. Archer, Miss Rogers, Helen Smith, Louis Smith and Albert Cook.

"EVEN AS THOU WILT"

On Feb. 27, in the Crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30, there will be an Interdenominational Day of Prayer for Missions. The leader will be Mrs. Mary Ninde Game-well, author of "Ming-Kwong". A cordial invitation is extended to all denominations in the spirit of the commandment, "that ye love one another as I have loved you."

ELIOT CIRCLE

1900-1925

These were the dates printed in silver on the little red heart souvenirs worn by our guests on the evening of the 25th anniversary. It was a happy group of members and friends, some of whom came from quite a distance to greet each other and renew pleasant associations.

The decorations were garlands of red hearts, hundreds of which floated overhead. Flowers from the Lend a Hand Clubs, Mr. and Mrs. Eliot, and Mr. and Mrs. Ellicott, made a bright setting for the occasion.

Mrs. Alice Lund Bierman sang charming songs, and Miss Martha Gerritsma played beautifully on the violin.

Mr. Shurtleff, who was largely responsible for the formation of the Circle and from whose Sunday School class came nine of the charter members, was the first speaker. He reminded us of that first meeting and spoke of the purpose for which we came together; also the pulpit cover made at that meeting. It is still in use. His words were full of encouragement and cheer. Mr. Eliot, our counsellor and friend of all the years, likened the Circle to a wheel, the tires, spokes and hub in combination. We repeated with him the Lend a Hand mottoes — our only constitution and by-laws.

Miss Stokes gave a brief history of the plans, purposes and activities of the Circle, saying we were happy in our choice of name, combining as it did the honored name of our minister with the all inclusive Circle. Our purpose was to form a club which would welcome all who might wish to unite for co-operative service. We chose for ourselves the Prince of Wales motto, "Ich Dien", meaning "I serve". Our club colors are pink and white, and our flower the American Beauty rose. Meetings have been held on the first Friday of each month.

Immediately we began to look around to see what was needed close at hand, for instance, fresh paint on our hallways and stairways, to make them more attractive; a new carpet for the parlors; hardwood floors for the vestry; the parish paper "Our Work"; and the coal bill; and also the Alliance Fairs; in all these we helped. Our children's Christmas Party has become a delightful annual occasion; also the Valentine Party given to the entire parish; and we must not omit

to mention the vacation work at the Charlotte Home in North Andover, where, for twelve years, we have been providing rest and recreation for women and children. This is a most important interest.

From its very beginning, Doctor Grenfell's work has appealed to us, and we were among the first contributors to it and have continued our interest ever since. Also the Sarah Fuller Home for deaf and dumb children. For seven years we provided a Christmas celebration for the children of Cape Neddick; furnished bedding for the Fishermen's Home at Gloucester; furnished and maintained a room at Mayesville Institute, South Carolina; made stockings for children at Shelter Neck, North Carolina; layettes for the Salvation Army Maternity Hospital; also dresses for all the children of the Salvation Army Day Nursery; helping also the Social Service work at the Massachusetts General and City Hospitals.

These are a few of the things that can be recorded; best of all is the deep abiding friendship in which we all rejoice. This is the welcome fruitage of the years.

K. R. S.

The following lines were written for the occasion by Miss Sara R. Hastings:

Five and twenty years have vanished
Since the Circle first began;
Happy years of fruitful labor
Spent in serving God and Man.

Eager brains are ever planning
Some new method of relief;
Sympathetic hearts are open
Ever to the cry of grief.

Far ahead, another cycle
Stretches out beyond our view;
Stand we ready for whatever
Work of love we find to do.

So to-night, we meet in gladness,
Hearts with courage beating high,
Planning for results still greater
As the months and years go by.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

The annual church meeting was held on Thursday evening, Jan. 29. After supper, the usual business was transacted. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and accepted. Brief reports from the Sunday School, the Alliance, the Winkley Guild, Our Chapter of the Laymen's League, and the Lend a Hand Clubs, were given.

The following officers and committees were elected:

Secretary, Joseph Jones
Treasurer, O. Arthur McMurdie
Hospitality Committee, Mrs. Alice Shackford, Mrs. Ellen M. H. Archer, Miss Helen G. Green, Mr. Francis Haskell, Mr. C. Rudolph Peterson

Supper Committee, Mrs. A. L. Carlson, Mrs. Edith Hine, Mrs. Alice Shackford, Miss Gertrude C. Rogers, Miss E. L. Jones, with the following helpers: Mary Shackford, Ethel Leavens, Dorothy Ellicott, Elizabeth Harris, Barbara Harris, Gladys Leavens and Edith Chase.

The Secretary's report showed an average gain of 12% in church attendance; of men, 16% and of children 50%.

The Treasurer reported receipts from all sources amounting to \$2094.66 and a balance of \$235.86.

The meeting was well attended in spite of the snowstorm. At the devotional service, Mr. Eliot used the 4th chapter of the prophecy of Zechariah and dwelt especially upon the text, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shall become a plain." His subject was "Building Up the Church".

OUR UNITARIAN CENTENARY

During the month of March the church services will emphasize the Unitarian Centennial, which is to be celebrated early in May. By a curious coincidence the American Unitarian Association and the Association in England (the British and Foreign Unitarian Association) were organized on the same day, May 25, 1825. Both anniversaries will be observed in May, ours beginning on May 10, and the English on May 31, so that it will be possible for a number of American and English delegates to attend both. A part of the plan is to have five American ministers preaching in England for two months and a half, and five English ministers here for the same period (March 8 to May 15). A large number of delegates are expected from England and Europe, and the anniversary celebration in Boston will be in every way a notable one.

To prepare the way for this and to emphasize its significance, the services and sermons during March will have as their general subject, "The Unitarian Movement", divided as follows:

- Mar. 1. "Its Beginnings in England and America"
- Mar. 8. "Its Great Leaders during the Century"
- Mar. 15. "Its Principles and Beliefs"
- Mar. 22. "Its Institutions"
- Mar. 29. "Its Place in the World To-day"

We earnestly hope that our young people will attend all these services, as they will be prepared especially for them. At the same time, it is hoped that all others will be interested, and a cordial invitation is extended to neighbors and friends.

THE WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

"The Glories of the Alliance Garden"—this was the subject of an address on Jan. 28 by Miss Stella P. Beard and it was a good one, bright and inspiring.

The Study Class on Feb. 11 was led by Mrs. Lewis A. Elliott, speaking upon "Unitarianism and Democracy".

On Feb. 25, a treat is in store when Rev. Edwin M. Slocombe of Lexington will speak upon, "A Convert's View of Unitarianism".

During the past year, the Alliance has contributed for the church and its own work \$169.86, and \$261.00 for outside denominational interests, making a total of \$430.86. Among the items were \$100.00 towards the coal bill and \$25.00 for "Our Work".

Several sewing meetings have been held for Dr. Grenfell's Mission and the directors urge a more hearty co-operation in this part of the Alliance work.

Diamond Birthday Anniversary 1850-1925

This is not evening twilight—'tis the dawning;
Fairer and plainer grow the hills afar.
I am not folding my hands from labor:
Freshly I lift them—while the paling star

Melts into light.

O vaster, grander grows the World
before me:

The shadows vanish with the rising
ray:

I'm not aged—I am just beginning
Through God's great Universe to make
my way,—

With soul alert, on-pressing toward
the Day

Unhemmed by night!

C. S. C.

Feb. 6. 1925

LEND A HAND CONFERENCE

On Saturday, Feb. 28, 1925, the Lend a Hand Clubs will hold their Mid-Winter Conference in the First Universalist Church, Church Court, Thompson Square, Charlestown. Take Elevated Train to Thompson Square. During the social lunch hour the children will visit Bunker Hill Monument with guides.

The first speaker in the afternoon will be Mrs. Mary Peabody Hotson who will wear a Russian costume and speak about some children she saw in Russia last summer in school and in a children's theatre, and she will sing some Russian songs. The children should plan to stay through Mrs. Hotson's talk. Mr. Henry B. Duncan, a native of Liberia, will speak on conditions in Liberia. Rev. Charles H. Pennoyer, director of Social Service work in the Universalist churches, will speak on "Human Interest in Folks".

Prepare club reports for morning session, which will open at 10.30, and send large delegations.

"OUR CHAPTER"

On Wednesday evening, Jan. 21, 45 people sat down to one of the best turkey suppers ever served in the chapel and enjoyed every morsel of it. It was one of the best social events in the life of our chapter, and we are all glad it happened.

After supper we were given an illustrated talk by a representative of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, on the "History of Lighting". The lecturer took us back to early days of primitive lighting, and brought us up to recent methods of illumination, and it was all very interesting.

Tuesday, Feb. 17, will be "Scout Night". Every boy over 12, and in any way interested in Scouting is invited, whether a scout or not. There will be demonstrations by members of Troop 8, and a bugle patrol from another troop. There will be a talk by one of the Council officials, who will tell us something of the executive side of the game, and also something of the objects to be attained. This is the 15th anniversary of the founding of Scouting in America, and we want to make our meeting worth while. Every member of the chapter will be expected to attend, and bring one or more boys with him.

O. Arthur McMurdie, Sec.

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CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

Women's Alliance—2nd & 4th Wed.
Eliot Circle—1st Friday
Laymen's League—3rd Tuesday
Winkley Guild—2nd Sun. & 4th Thu.
Children's Hour—Mondays, 4 to 5
Friendship Club—Fridays, 7 to 9
Open House for Boys—Sat., 7 to 9

FEBRUARY

15—Howard Sunday School	1 45
Young People's Church Service	3 15
17—Laymen's League	8
22—Howard Sunday School	1 45
Church Service	3 15
23—Washington's Birthday Party, Primary Class	2
25—Women's Alliance	2 15
26—Winkley Guild Social	7 30

MARCH

1—Howard Sunday School	1 45
Church Service	3 15
Communion Service	4 15
4—Comfort Carriers Club	6 30
6—Eliot Circle	2 30
7—Christopher R. Eliot Club, Jr. 2	

ITEMS OF INTEREST

At the meeting of the Temperance Union on Sunday, Feb. 1, Miss Gelfeld of the Hecht Neighborhood House told us the story of the many kinds of work done at that center.

Saturday mornings at 9, Miss McBride is telling stories in the vestry to a group of neighborhood children. At 10 she meets another group at 16 Beacon Street.

On the evening of Feb. 18 the Salvation Army will hold a meeting and supper in our church. We are glad to bid them welcome.

At 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, the Winkley Guild religious meeting was addressed by Mr. Edward P. Furber, national president of the Y. P. R. U.

The Comfort Carriers' dance on Feb. 4, at Riverbank Court, was a great success, not only giving its members and friends a happy time, but also netting about \$30.00 for the treasury of the club.

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THE NEW YEAR

We mean, of course, the New Church Year, and, as it begins, "Our Work" sends to each and all its greeting.

May it be a year of widening friendships and sympathies, deepening faith, unselfish love, and the higher loyalties in the church and Sunday School, the Alliance and the Winkley Guild, the Eliot Circle, the Lend a Hand Clubs, and in every activity by which this church tries to serve the Community and the Kingdom of God. And thus may it be a Happy Year!

With the beginning of the new year, it is a pleasure to welcome Rev. Robert W. Jones as our new associate minister. This feeling was expressed at the Rally on Sept. 24, when both Mr. and Mrs. Jones were present, but better than anything formal is the direct, personal greeting which Mr. Jones is receiving from young and old every Sunday.

Mr. Jones is a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan University and of the Boston University School of Theology, having studied also at the Harvard Theological School. He is in charge of the Unitarian Church at Bridgewater and will give half time with us at Bulfinch Place. To both churches, and to Mr. and Mrs. Jones, we repeat the wish, "A Happy New Year".

MARY MAY ELIOT

"Forward through the ages,
In unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits
At the call divine."

Among the faithful spirits of this church there will always be held in loving memory the name of Mary May Eliot, wife of our beloved minister, Rev. Christopher R. Eliot.

On the morning of Aug. 21, 1926, Mrs. Eliot entered the higher life, while at the family summer home, Lake Memphremagog, Canada. Services were held at Forest Hills Chapel, Boston, Massachusetts, on Aug. 24. Many friends came, with those who were nearest and dearest, to pay their tribute of love, appreciation and gratitude for her noble life.

Mr. and Mrs. Eliot came to this church on Sept. 1, 1894. The first Sunday of last September marked the thirty-second anniversary. Their ministry, through all these years, has been one of devotion, progressive action, and precept, taught through the power of example.

Mrs. Eliot organized the Bulfinch Place Church Branch of the General Alliance of Unitarian and other Liberal Christian Women, in 1895, the first year she was with us. By special request and desire of the members she had always held the office of president. Taught and trained by her dear friend and teacher, Rev. James Freeman Clarke, of the Church of the Disciples, Mrs. Eliot became a teacher herself, giving to us the benefit of her rich knowledge of Unitarianism and its founders. Her leadership has indeed "inspired and quickened the religious life" and deepened the sense of responsibility for our church, with its varied activities.

In 1900 there was a desire to extend the hospitality of the Boston churches to the delegates attending the meetings held during Anniversary Week. This gave Mrs. Eliot an opportunity to offer our church with the room in which luncheon could be served. This service has been rendered, under her direction and efficient system, for the past twenty-six years. In May, 1919, a beautiful silver urn was presented to the church "in recognition of twenty years of gracious hospitality". Mr. and Mrs. Eliot have welcomed many hundreds of delegates as they entered the vestry for luncheon all through these years.

"Gracious hospitality"! How well the members of this parish know its warmth and blessing! It has been experienced by each and all, in the many times we have been guests in their home at number 2 West Cedar Street and in the new home in Cambridge. This friendliness has always been so characteristic of both Mr. and Mrs. Eliot. The North and West End District nurses were welcomed during a period of years, holding offices in one of our church class-rooms. Troup Eight, our Jewish Boy Scouts, and our

Italian neighbors, all have felt the welcome given by these friends.

Mrs. Eliot led in the work of our Lend a Hand Clubs. The John Howard Club, organized from the members of her Sunday School Class in 1896, has continued an active group of earnest women, rendering true service. The Comfort Carriers Club, started in the early years among the young girls, has proved its name. Always attending these meetings, Mrs. Eliot brought good cheer and gave the highest in thought and deed. She was also an active member of the Eliot Circle, standing ready at all times to lend a hand.

Her interest in the work of the Fruit and Flower Mission was vital. She kept the records, helped to raise the funds, and was always interesting those having gardens to contribute flowers.

Many interests claimed her attention. Near at hand, or far afield, she gave her best. Enthusiasm, loyalty, untiring service marked her path. She lived day by day in the spirit of the Master, and went about doing good.

We, her friends at this church, deeply feel her loss. She has been our leader and our friend. We go forward with new consecration to the things eternal. The influence of her life will shed its light "far down the future's broadening way",—a strength—an inspiration,—a benediction!

Edith L. Jones.

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

A preliminary meeting and luncheon of the Alliance will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 13, at 11 o'clock. A meeting of the officers and chairmen of committees was held on Thursday, Sept. 30, and an outline of the program for the year was laid out. A number of the ladies have been at the church during the past week, preserving, in anticipation of the Preserve and Pickle Sale to be held on Nov. 16. It will be the endeavor of the Alliance to go forward with the same earnest purpose which has marked its success in past years.

ELIOT CIRCLE

"Summer memories" was the theme at our October meeting. Miss Stokes had visited Fruitlands, the Alcott Home at Harvard, the Shaker House, Artemus Ward House at Shrewsbury and other points of interest.

Marjorie Ellicott read from her Journal, describing her trip to England. It was well done and most interesting.

The Charlotte Home has just closed its fourteenth year. About one hundred guests have found rest and refreshment there. Much good has been done, and we feel that the season has been one of the best.

These are some of the pleasant things to think of, but we are saddened by the thought that our most loyal member, whose name we bear, has slipped from our sight. We must prove our affection for Mrs. Eliot by greater devotion to the work so dear to her heart. This would please her better than anything else.

HOWARD SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School opened on Sept. 19 with a good attendance both of pupils and teachers. A cordial welcome is extended to new members.

A very successful "Rally" was held on Friday evening, Sept. 24. Samples of the work done by children in the Summer School were shown, making a creditable exhibition. Short addresses were made by some of the teachers, and postal cards illustrating summer vacations were shown with the reflectoscope. The evening opened with games and ended with ice-cream and cake.

Considerable interest is being taken in buying and dressing dolls for the Japanese Doll Festival which the children of Japan celebrate every March.

The plan has been suggested by the Federal Council of Churches and it is expected that children all over the United States will become interested. The dolls will be sent by special ship just before Christmas, and will be distributed by the Japanese government. The main object is to interest our children in the Japanese children and to cultivate the spirit of goodwill. A committee was appointed consisting of Helen McLeod, Louis Smith, Mrs. Peabody and Miss Stokes. Already several classes and clubs have agreed to send dolls.

LAYMEN'S LEAGUE CHAPTER

We start off this year with a great deal of enthusiasm, and hope all hands will pull together to keep it going.

Definite programs of the year's activities will soon be in the hands of the members and friends, and all we ask is a fair share of interest and responsibility on the part of each member, to make the year the best yet. Our Secretary represented us at the Washington Conference, and brought back reports of good work accomplished, and further good works

planned. Our October meeting will be on the 10th, at 8 o'clock, when Mr. Walter C. Small will explain to us the workings of the compulsory automobile insurance law.

The advisability of having a motion picture apparatus placed in the church is under consideration by the Chapter, with the co-operation of other societies in the church, and while nothing definite has been decided, the idea appeals very much to members. We are in hopes, provided such a machine is installed, to be able to appeal to the community around the church through the showing of a good grade of pictures which we are assured can be secured. Further announcement will be made of the plans as they develop.

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THE CHURCH SUPPER

The first church supper of the year was held on Thursday, Sept. 30, with an attendance of sixty-nine. After a word of welcome, Mr. Eliot referred to the fact that Mr. Ellicott, our faithful sexton and friend, has been with us sixteen years; and in recognition of this and as a slight token of the respect and gratitude felt by all, he presented to Mr. Ellicott a bunch of sixteen beautiful hot-house roses. Mr. Eliot referred to the remarkable career of Mr. Ellicott's father as the champion marksman of all England, a rank still retained at the age of seventy-one, and said that back of such success lies not only a steady nerve but also a strong and upright character. It has been the same with our good friend Mr. Ellicott here. Back of his physical strength is that of goodwill and the "faith that makes faithful".

THE SUMMER SCHOOL

The exhibition, at the Rally, of the work done this summer, by the children in the Summer Play Room, was interesting. Scrap-books for the South Department of the City Hospital, kindergarten hand work, sewing and painting designs on oil cloth doilies, proved not only that the children had been at play, but at work also.

Under the direction of Miss Hill, three teachers and one volunteer, this has been a most successful year. There was an average attendance of eighty-five. Once a week the children were given milk. On Fridays every child received flowers from the Fruit and Flower Mission. At the end of the six weeks there was an exhibition with an entertainment given by the chil-

dren. Mothers attending were much interested and pleased. Many of these children will attend our Children's Hour on Mondays during the year.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Harvest Festival, on Sunday, Oct. 17,

The first Teachers Meeting, on Thursday, Oct. 21, at the church, at 7:30. It will be an important meeting. All are urged to come.

One of our Sunday School teachers, Miss Helen Pflieger, has accepted a position as head of a Nursery School in the "Neighborhood House", Philadelphia. She will be greatly missed here, but we send congratulations. Her class will be taken by Miss Abigail A. Eliot.

Extensive repairs and renovations are being made in the church parlors, the main hall and the gymnasium bathrooms. While causing some inconvenience for these opening weeks, everything will soon be in order. Ceilings have been repaired and whitened, floors scraped and varnished, walls painted, and a new cement floor laid in the bathrooms. Our thanks are given heartily to the Benevolent Fraternity and to Mr. Robinson, chairman of the Buildings Committee.

Special attention is called to the Harvest Festival to be held on Oct. 17. Remember, please, that this service is for the Sunday School and Congregation both. It is one of our best Sundays, full of beauty and symbolic significance. Gifts of fruit and vegetables, flowers and autumn leaves, are solicited, to be used for decoration and to be given away afterwards.

The Harmonica Club is being organized and will have a teacher. Join now.

The collection on Oct. 3 for the Florida suturers amounted to \$30.00. In addition, our Lend a Hand Clubs have given \$37.00.

Mr. Eliot has received many letters and cards from parishioners and friends, too many indeed to be answered individually. He knows that this will be understood, and that the bond of friendship will be made stronger, with or without the written, or even the spoken, word of appreciation. His message to all is this: Be of good cheer; be of good courage; and do all the good you can, for the sake of those you love and the good they love.

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CALENDAR MEETINGS

The following is the calendar of the meetings and entertainments planned for the season with the dates (subject to change if necessary). The calendar for each month will be printed in each issue of "Our Work".

Women's Alliance—Second and fourth Wednesdays.

Eliot Circle—First Friday.

Laymen's League—Third Tuesday.

Winkley Guild—Second Sunday and fourth Friday.

Comfort Carriers Club—First Wednesday.

Christopher R. Eliot Club—First Saturday.

Children's Hour—Every Monday.

Friendship Club—Every Friday.

Boy Scouts, Troup Eight—Every Friday.

The Evening Alliance of Greater Boston—Every second Thursday.

OFFICE DAYS

Mr. Eliot—Wednesdays.

Mr. Jones—Thursdays.

Miss Jones—Mondays and Saturdays.

Miss Stokes—Tuesdays and Fridays.

DATES FOR THE YEAR

Oct. 17—Harvest Festival.

Oct. 21—Quarterly Teachers Meeting.

Nov. 16—Alliance Preserve Sale.

Dec. 5—One Hundredth Anniversary.

Dec. 10—Lecture on Japan.

Dec. 12—Laymen's League Sunday.

Dec. 13—Christmas Meeting, Sunday School Union.

Dec. 15—Women's Alliance Evening Meeting.

Dec. 20 — Neighborhood Christmas Party.

Dec. 29 — Sunday School Christmas Tree.

Dec. 31—Eliot Circle Christmas Party.

Jan. 14—Annual Teachers Meeting.

Feb. 3—Church Supper and Meeting.

Feb. 22—Washington's Birthday Party.

March 11—Sunday School Supper.

April 27—Women's Alliance Evening Meeting.

May 22-27—Anniversary Week.

May 13—May Festival.

May 19—Quarterly Teachers Meeting.

June 2—Church Supper and Meeting.

June 8—Old Ladies' Party.

SAFETY TALKS

On account of the many motor accidents caused by carelessness on the part of drivers, or people crossing, or children playing on the streets, the Massachusetts Safety Council has issued a leaflet entitled "Highway Safety Talks" from which the following bits are taken:

"When you feel that you ought to run to get across the street, that is usually a sign that autos are too near to be safe."

"There are not so many accidents in the morning, because people are rested after a night's sleep, and more careful about what they do. . . . All over Massachusetts the accidents increase [during the afternoon], until at five o'clock they have reached the worst time of the day. It would be well if all the clocks could speak loudly at four o'clock saying: 'Be more careful. Look where you are going'."

"Whenever you come to a railroad crossing, think of its slogan: 'Stop, look and listen'."

'Keep your eyes wide open,

Stop and listen, too.

Danger waits at every turn

For me and you.

Look to left and right,

As you homeward go,

Stop at corners! Watch your step!

And please go slow'."

The safe way to ride a bicycle is to keep well over to the right, just beyond the track where the autos go, and never to ride in the middle of the road, where you may be in danger from autos coming from both directions.

You are doing an act of safety whenever you find a younger child in danger, and call her back to the sidewalk, telling her why you have done so.

VISION AND VIGOR

In Percy W. Gardner and Kenneth McDougall the affairs of the Laymen's League are in hands rarely qualified to direct the enterprise to which the League has called them. They have youth and enthusiasm, with a fine background and experience in denominational affairs which augurs well for success.

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No. 10

Giving

By Emilie Poulsson

Hast thou plenty? Then rejoice;
Rejoice and freely share.
Hast thou scanty store? E'en then
A little thou canst spare.
And hast thou only bit or crumb
A donor yet thou mayst become,
Since morsel from thy less or least
For bird or insect maketh feast.

Be the portion small or great,
The loving, generous heart
Will always find it large enough
To give away a part.

—From the Norwegian

ROBERT C. DEXTER

Bulfinch Place Church, always hospitable, opened its doors and lent its service for a luncheon meeting of the workers and ministers of the "Fraternity," on Tuesday, October 25.

There were twenty-two, out of a possible thirty, present. Mr. Christopher R. Eliot presided and introduced the different groups of workers to Prof. Robert C. Dexter, the executive secretary of the newly organized department of "Social Relations" of the

American Unitarian Association. Dr. Dexter responded to his introduction in an address of wise and cheering advice, the fruit of wide study, observation and experience in social work. Prof. Dexter is a graduate of Brown University. He obtained his Ph.D. degree in sociology from Clark University in 1923. He was a member of the Carnegie group of professors studying international relations in Europe last summer. He has been connected with the Massachusetts S. P. C. C., the Charity Organization So-

ciety of Montreal, the Dominion Royal Commission on Immigration and the American Red Cross and Skidmore College, and this year published a book entitled "Social Adjustment." He is a member of All Souls Church, Unitarian, of Schenectady, N. Y.

After the general conference, Dr. Dexter had a long conference with Mr. Jones, in which your minister pledged himself to co-operate in every possible way with the Social Relations Department of the A. U. A.

DO NOT FORGET:

Laymen's League Sunday will be observed the second Sunday in December.

Mr. Alexander Abrams will speak to us on November 20 at the church service on "Industrial Relations".

The invitation we have extended to the Protestant Churches of Beacon Hill to worship with us on Thanksgiving Day at 10:45. Rev. Professor Charles M. McConnell of Boston University will preach. His subject will

A CHALLENGE TO YOU

Rev. Louis C. Cornish, D.D., president of the American Unitarian Association, speaking at the Unitarian General Conference in Washington recommended, as a united attainable goal, that the Unitarian fellowship make an increase of at least 5% in every way by next spring. This suggestion has met with wide-spread approval. It means that Bulfinch Place Church should increase its membership 5% this winter and that every club and organization of the church should make an equal gain. How long has it been since you invited someone to share the privileges of the church?

AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEND A HAND

If you have some pillows, covered or uncovered, large or small, soft or hard, that you can spare, please bring them to the church.

If you have some clothing for children, especially small children, please bring it to the church on your next visit.

If you think that "Our Work" is worth while please make your contribution to Miss Gertrude C. Rogers as soon as possible.

If you wish to help strengthen the Unitarian churches you may do something by contributing to the appeal which Mr. Jones has received from the Tuckerman School.

OUR WORK

There is more work involved in editing "Our Work" than most of us realize. Much of the work is a labor of love. To help us meet the printer's bills and the cost of postage the recipients of Our Work are requested to make their annual contribution as soon as possible to Miss Gertrude C. Rogers.

N. B.

In a recent sermon Mr. Jones expressed his keen disappointment in hearing a man tell about the reception he received when he visited the "Church of the Open Door." Mr. Jones has also been disappointed because members of the congregation have failed, with only two or three exceptions, to express their reactions to the experiments in our order of service of worship which we made during the month of October. Will you please express yourself to the minister or to some member of the Advisory Committee in the near future? At the close of the service on the last Sunday in November the minister is going to ask the congregation to vote whether or not to include the offertory service in our service of worship. Meanwhile no regular offering service will be used. Your pledges may be deposited as of old in the box near the door.

THE MINISTRY-AT-LARGE

Rev. Christopher R. Eliot, the newly appointed Minister at Large, may be found at the office of the Benevolent Fraternity of Unitarian Churches, 16 Beacon Street, on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 to 1 o'clock and at other times by appointment. In case of special need phone Haymarket 1255 or Porter 2668.

If you would like to understand the meaning of this title, "The Minister-at-Large", its origin, history and spirit, write "The Fraternity", 16 Beacon St. and a pamphlet will be sent to you by the next mail. Better still, the Fraternity will gladly send a representative to speak at Alliance, Laymen's League, Y. P. R. U. or Church School meetings on the work of the Fraternity.

ELIOT CIRCLE

At the November meeting Miss Stokes gave us some impressions of her visit to Washington. The Nicholson Brothers sang popular songs, much to our pleasure.

Now we are all getting ready for the

Japanese table—our part in the Alliance Bazaar of Nations. We hope that each member will contribute at least one article. All sorts of things will be welcome and bring at least one friend for lunch on Wednesday or Thursday, November 16 and 17, between 12:30 and 2:30, or for supper on Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30. We must all do our best to make this bazaar the success it should be.

At our Christmas meeting on December 2 we hope to receive many little gifts to make a Happy Christmas for children at a distance. Please bring toys, games, books or clothing at that time.

Come prepared to plan a happy time for the little folks.

AN EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

On behalf of the congregation as well as in his own right Mr. Jones wishes to take this opportunity to thank Miss Gerissima and Mr. Gillette for their splendid contributions to our Sunday services.

THE COMFORT CARRIERS CLUB

The Comfort Carriers Club will hold the first of a series of Card Parties at the home of Mrs. Bruce Poehler, 313 High Street, West Medford, Massachusetts, on November 28, 1927, at 8 o'clock. The party will be under the direction of Miss Gertrude Weeks.

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

The first regular meeting of the Alliance was held Wednesday, October 26, in the church parlors at 2:15. Mrs. Clough and Miss Rowe read interesting reports of the Alliance meetings held last July at the Isles of Shoals. Miss Barbara Harris read a very interesting report for her brother, Allan, of his experiences at the Y. P. R. U. conferences at Star Island. The Alliance sends each year a delegate from the Winkley Guild. Mrs. Lewis A. Elliott described the founding and the development of the Benevolent Fraternity Fruit and Flower Mission. Miss Green reported the meeting of the New England Associate Alliance which was held at Fair Haven, October 20.

The Alliance will hold a sale called a "Bazaar of the Nations" Wednesday, November 16, and Thursday, November 17. The tables will be served by representatives of different nations. Useful and attractive articles will be offered for sale. Luncheon will be served each day from 12:30 to 2:30.

Supper will be served on Wednesday evening. An entertainment, directed by Miss Jones, will be offered Wednesday evening at eight o'clock.

Tables	Chairman	Country
Domestic	Miss Crocker	America
Christmas Greens	Mrs. Jones	Ireland
Candy	Mrs. Morton	Holland
Preserves	Mrs. Putnam	England
and Pickles		

Delicatessen	Mrs. Lang	France
Gift Shop	Mrs. Johnson	Belgium
Sunday School	Mrs. Peabody	Italy
Eliot Circle	Miss Stokes	Japan
Luncheon	Mrs. Leavens	Norway
		and Sweden

THE WINKLEY GUILD

The Winkley Guild held religious meetings on the second and fourth Sundays in October. We visited the Boston Public Library to see the Sargent painting of the Prophets on the second Sunday and hiked to the Bunker Hill Monument on the fourth Sunday. We returned from the hikes to the church, and after a luncheon the devotional services were held. At the October business meeting it was voted to hold the monthly business meeting on the third Sunday of the month and the monthly social on the fourth Friday. The religious meetings will be held on the second and fourth Sundays.

The first social of the season was a Halloween party. It was directed by Mr. Jack MacCracken and was one of the best socials in the history of the Guild. A "Ghost Walk" preceded dancing in the gymnasium. The decorations were in keeping with the spirit of the season.

The Guild members presented a two act play, "The Cool Collegians", for the Laymen's League on Friday, November 11, which was well received.

The next religious meeting of the Guild will be held Sunday, November 13, at 4:15. A short trip to some neighboring point of interest will precede the collation and the devotional service.

THE CHRISTIAN REGISTER

The Christian Register is extending a special subscription offer of five months, from December 1927 to the first of May 1928, for one dollar. If you are not taking the Register this is an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with our denominational (tho it is really more than that) paper. May we suggest this as an unusual Christmas gift?

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OFFICE DAYS

Mr. Jones—Every day, by appointment.

Mr. Eliot—Wednesdays.

Miss Jones—Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Miss Stokes—Tuesdays and Fridays.

Sunday Services

Howard Sunday School 1:45

Church Worship 3:15

Communion Service, the first Sunday of each month 4:15

Winkley Guild, second and fourth Sundays 4:15

Regular Week-day Activities

Wednesday—Friendship Club ... 7:00

Thursday—Children's Hour 4:00

Girls' Gym Class ... 7:30

Friday—Choir Rehearsal 6:00

Boy Scouts 8:00

CALENDAR MEETINGS**NOVEMBER**

16 and 17—Alliance Fair Bazaar of the Nations .. 11 A.M.—10 P.M.

Luncheon each day ... 12:30—2:30

Supper, November 16 .. 6:00—7:30

Entertainment, November 16 8:00

22—Women's Alliance 2:15

24—Union Thanksgiving Service 10:45

25—Winkley Guild Social 8:00

DECEMBER

2—Eliot Circle 2:30

3—Christopher R. Eliot Club, Jr. 2:00

6—Religious Meeting and Supper of Social Workers of Boston 5:00

7—Women's Alliance Study Class 2:15

8—Evening Alliance of Greater Boston 7:15

12—Laymen's League Sunday ..

CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT CLUB JR.

The C. R. E. C. Juniors recently visited Perkins Institution for the Blind in Watertown. It was interesting to see the fine campus buildings, equipment and homes provided for the children. No classes were in session when we visited the school but some of the children read to us from their Braille books. A gift of carnations, the club flower, was distributed among the children. Some could not distinguish the colors but all appreciated this expression of friendship.

LEAVENS-KARCHER

On Tuesday evening, October 11, many relatives and friends gathered in the church at eight o'clock to witness the marriage of Ethel Rose Leavens to George Fred Karcher. Miss Edith C. Leavens was maid of honor. Helen McCloud and Katherine Corcoran were bridesmaids. The bride was given in marriage by her father. The best man was Leo O'Hollaran and the ushers were Norman Leavens and Clifford Burgland. The ceremony was solemnized by Dr. Christopher R. Eliot, assisted by Rev. Robert W. Jones.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

On Friday mornings during the month of November, at 10:30, Mr. Jones will conduct the radio devotional exercises of the Women's Club over station WNAC.

The flowers in the Sunday School room and in the church on November sixth were the gift of Dr. Mary F. Hobart. We were all deeply grieved when we learned that Dr. Hobart recently met with a severe accident. She has our sympathy and love.

Melvin Furbish, William Nickerson, Robert Leavens and George Williams who were recently graduated from Miss Green's Sunday School Class to Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie's, expressed their affection and appreciation to Miss Green at a luncheon in the church serving room Friday evening, November 4.

On Friday evening, November 4, Mr. Pierce, head of the History Department of the Boston Latin School, addressed Troop 8 of the Boy Scouts. This was the first of a series of talks on civics to be given to this group.

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THE question for the Church, and the question of every son of God and daughter of God is this. Do you propose to go about doing good? Do you propose everywhere and always to establish God's reign,—the reign of God in the affairs of men? Do you mean that what you say and what you do shall be *glad* tidings to each and all who are around you? Do you mean so to enter into your Father's work and go about your Father's business that all men shall know what his work is and his business? Jesus Christ suggested on a very critical occasion that you could bring in the kingdom of God by feeding the hungry, by clothing the naked, by visiting the prisoner, by your welcome to the stranger. Yes. And to which of these particular details are you going to devote a part of Monday, or Tuesday, or Wednesday? According as you or I answer these questions do we follow in the footsteps of the well-beloved Son of God. We show that he is our leader. Yes. And we proclaim and assert our place in our Father's family.

"To-day,
To listen for our Father's voice to-day,
To find his will, and, as I find, obey,
To go and come, still walking in his way
To-day."

EDWARD EVERETT HALE

Sermon Subjects

- "Shall the Laymen's League Go On?" Feb. 12.
 "Was Lincoln a Christian?" Feb. 19.
 "The Washington Spirit." Feb. 26.
 "The Authority of Evidence." Mar. 4.
 Dr. Eliot will conduct the
 Communion Service.
 "The Necessity of Freedom." Mar. 11.

APPEALS

Many appeals have reached our desk during the last month which are worth while but which do not justify special church collections. If you are interested in the work of the institutions listed below, and wish to make a contribution through the Church, we will be glad to forward your check:

1. The Near East Relief—(If they gain their quota, this will be the last appeal they will make)
2. Unitarian Service Pension Society—(If special funds are not raised at once, the pensions paid this year will fall below \$700.00)
3. Children's Mission to Children—(They ask for 10,000 pieces of rummage for their rummage sale at Horticultural Hall on Monday, April 16, 1928)
4. Family Welfare Society of Boston—(Money is needed for helping unfortunate families and friendless folk)
5. Bulfinch Place Church—(We need a sofa, or couch, more pillows and several blankets.)

An Opportunity to Do Something

We have all read about the naval building program. (71 new ships during the next five years to cost \$740,000,000.00.) Do you think we need such a navy? If you do, please write to the President of the United States and to our Congressmen and tell them so. But if, on the other hand, you feel that such a program is "sheer madness," "utterly uncalled for," "an invitation to war," "folly and madness" please write at once to President Coolidge and our congressmen. Do not wait to sign a petition; send a personal note at once. (Hon. Robert Luce, House Office Building, Washington, D. C. Senator David I. Walsh, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C. Hon. Martin B. Madden, House Office Building, Washington, D. C.)

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

February 2, 1928

The annual church meeting of the Bulfinch Place Church was held Thursday, February 2, 1928, at 8:00 P. M., preceded by an excellent supper, served by Mrs. Robert Leavens.

The business meeting opened with a short devotional service, Mr. Jones presiding.

As there had been no secretary appointed for the last meeting, no report was made. It was voted that a recording secretary be appointed.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved, showing a balance of \$23.02 in the treasury.

The following committees were chosen for the coming year:

Supper Committee—Mrs. Robert Leavens, Chairman by unanimous vote; with permission to choose her own committee.

Hospitality—Miss Isabel Cummings, Chairman.

Miss Clara Rowe
 Mr. Francis Haskell
 Mr. Bruce Pohler
 Mr. Alan Harris
 Mrs. Lizzie Lincoln
 Miss Emma C. Wright

Church Treasurer—Mr. C. Arthur McMurdie

Financial Secretary—Mr. Joseph Jones

Auditor—Mr. Ezra Breed

Recording Sec'y.—Miss Minerva Mofett

Advisory Committee—

Miss Alice Florentine
 Miss Annie Brown
 Mr. Hobart Winkley

Music Committee—

Mrs. Ezra Breed, Chairman
 Miss Alice Florentine
 Miss Thelma Lund

An invitation was read to the members of the Church from the Norfolk Conference of Unitarian Churches. Mr. Eliot gave us an idea of what it would mean to join this conference, and it was voted to do so.

A financial committee was elected to consist of the executive committee of the Bulfinch Place Chapter of the Laymen's League, the Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Auditor of the church. The question of changing the fiscal year to coincide with the church

year was referred to the financial committee.

Mr. Jones read the covenant of the Pitt Street Chapel as an introduction to the discussion concerning the Statement of Purpose and Belief that we are trying to adopt. After the discussion, the matter was referred to the Advisory Committee, who were requested to draft a Statement of Purpose and Belief which will be acted upon by the members of the Church. A publicity policy was adopted, and delegated to the Advisory Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Minerva Moffett,
Recording Secretary.

(Will you please report any omissions or corrections that you notice in this report to Mr. Jones?)

"Do not tell what you intend to do.
DO IT."

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

An unusual and very enjoyable meeting of the Alliance was held January 25. Mr. Eliot gave a talk on "Crossing the Continent" in the afternoon. As it was his custom to take luncheon with the ladies who came to sew in the morning, it was proposed that all the ladies of the Alliance meet him at luncheon as a surprise to him. It surely was a very happy surprise when forty members and friends sat down to a fine luncheon prepared by the hospitality committee. Miss Clark, Senior member of the Alliance and Mrs. Archer, whose birthday was January 24, were guests of honor. A message of "good cheer" was brought to the luncheon by Mrs. Cordelia Putnam from her Mother, Mrs. Howard, who is honorary vice-president of the Alliance. After the luncheon the usual business meeting was held, after which Mr. Eliot gave a very interesting account of his trip from Boston to Portland, Oregon, illustrated by cards shown in the reflectoscope. It was felt that the day was indeed a "red letter day" for the Alliance.

E. W. Crocker, Secretary.

The Alliance desires to obtain new subscriptions to the Christian Register. On each new subscription of \$3.00, \$1.00 goes into the Alliance treasury. Subscriptions may be given to Mrs. Lewis A. Elliott, Chairman of the Christian Register Committee.

THE ELIOT CIRCLE

At the annual meeting held on Friday, February 3, election of officers was as follows:

President: Miss Katherine R. Stokes
Vice-President: Mrs. Fred Turner
Councillor: Rev. Christopher R. Eliot,
LL.D.

Recording Sec'y: Miss Clara B. Rowe
Corresponding Sec'y: Mrs. Charles Slager

Treasurer: Mrs. Lizzie Lincoln
Librarian: Mrs. Virginia Lewis
Pianist: Mrs. Frank Eigabroadt
Decorator: Mrs. Fannie Singleton.

It was voted to have a spring sale and luncheon on Friday, April 13. Please begin now to get ready for it. We had as our special guest, Mrs. Harry B. Hill, who sang so acceptably at our Thanksgiving service. It was fine to hear her again. Mr. Hill, who is minister at the Temple Street Methodist Church, was present and spoke words of cheer. We were glad to welcome a number of his people and hope they will come again. Our own ministers were also with us, giving us the upward look, which helped to make the meeting a success.

We are sending Valentines to invalids and shut-ins. If you know of such, let Miss Stokes have names and addresses and they will be remembered.

WINKLEY GUILD

The Winkley Guild held two religious meetings during the past month. The first, on January 8, was conducted by Elizabeth Harris, who substituted for Minerva Moffett. The subject was "Advantages of Regular Church Attendance". Mr. Jones conducted the meeting on January 22, his subject being "Some Real Subjects That Might Interest Guild Members."

On Thursday, January 19, 1928, the Winkley Guild presented "Thursday Evening" by Christopher Morley, and two short skits. Candy was sold between the acts. These plays were very well received by a large audience. The same program was repeated the following evening, with dancing afterwards. Those taking part in the plays were: Misses Thelma Lund, Alice Florentine, Marguerite Pfeeghaar, Gladys Leavens, Mr. R. W. Jones, and Albert Cook. The Winkley Guild wishes to thank all those who took part in any way, small or large. The program was certainly a great success, and we were all quite pleased to see so many new young people.

Our next Sunday meeting was held

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24—Guild Social 8:00

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March, 1928

2—Eliot Circle 2:30

3—Christopher R. Eliot Club .. 2:00

7—Comfort Carriers Club 6:30

9—Sunday School Supper 6:30

on February 5, 1928. This was held under the auspices of the National Y. P. R. U., and the entire church service was conducted by the Winkley Guild. Barbara Harris announced the hymns, Elizabeth Harris led in prayer, Albert Cook led the responsive reading, and Edward Stevens delivered the sermon, his subject being, "Waiting a Minute." He certainly had a message for all the congregation. The

offertory was sent to the national society.

Miss Mary Shackford will conduct our meeting on Sunday, February 12, 1928, her subject being, "What Difference Does It Make What We Do On Sundays?" Supper will be in charge of Mr. Jones and Alan Harris. These Sunday meetings are still progressing. Why not bring some of your friends to enjoy them?

CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT CLUB

The Food Sale held by the Club on Saturday, February 4, netted \$10.00. We wish to thank the friends who helped. The membership of the Club, counting Seniors and Juniors, is now twenty-five. The motto of the Club is "Not for ourselves Alone", which was suggested by Mr. Eliot.

A. U. A.—1929

Rev. Curtis W. Reese, D.D., secretary of the Western Unitarian Conference, a director of the American Unitarian Association, and executive chairman of the National Federation of Religious Liberals, has been chosen chairman of the General Conference Committee, which will plan for the biennial conference of the American Unitarian Association in 1929.

LAYMEN'S LEAGUE

To make possible the continuance of the work of the Laymen's League through the support of its members,—particularly the preaching missions, financial aid to work among college students, and lectures on the Bible and evolution in the South,—the Council of the League suggests the following forms of special yearly memberships:

Contributing Laymen \$10

Subscribing Laymen \$25

Maintaining Laymen \$50

Sustaining Laymen \$100

Supporting Laymen \$500

BOSTON—1928

Do you know our city as it is today? If you do not, but would like to become better acquainted with modern Boston, you will be interested in the following trips:

Russian Center—Saturday, Feb. 25.

Jewish Center—Saturday, March 10.

Industrial Relations and Labor Centers—Saturday, March 24.

Italian Centers—Saturday, April 21.

Chinese Centers—Saturday, April 28.

Trips leave at 2:00 P.M. from 14 Beacon Street. Tickets 50 cents. For further information, please see Mr. Jones.

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No. 3

"Earth is Enough"

We men of Earth have here the stuff
Of Paradise—we have enuff!
We need no other stones to build
The stairs into the Unfulfilled
No other ivory for the doors
No other marble for the floors—
No other cedar for the beam
And dome of Man's immortal dream.

Here on the paths of every day
Here on the common human way
Is all the stuff the gods would take
To build a Heaven, to mould and make
New Edens. Ours the stuff sublime
To build Eternity in Time.

EDWIN MARKHAM

In Shoes of Happiness

REPORT TO THE BENEVOLENT FRATERNITY OF UNITARIAN CHURCHES FROM BULFINCH PLACE CHURCH

In this report I am not going to summarize the work of the past year. That has been done more or less in our monthly bulletin, "Our Work." I do want, however, to draw to your attention the fact that we have established a Financial Committee, a Music Committee and an Advisory Board, hoping thereby to enlist more support and interest from the constituency of the Parish. We have recently gone over our church records and we find 88 families, representing 158 individuals who go to church at least once a month; 15 families who visit the church more than once a year but less than once a month; 25 families who are interested in the church but never attend; 6 families representing those who never attend the religious services of the church but who do occasionally use it as a social center: a total of 253 individuals. A few visitors, mostly orthodox, drop into our church services.

You will recall that in my report last June, I said I saw no need of increasing our social settlement work in the West End, and I also mentioned the great opportunity of establishing here a liberal preaching pulpit. This report was based upon a survey that was made of the West End by Boston University and the Temple Street Methodist Church in 1922, and upon my general personal knowledge and impressions of the West End. Since that time I have talked with as many social workers as I could. They have all, with one exception, said there is no social work that Bulfinch Church can render today to the people of the West End. I have profound respect for Robert C. Dexter of the A. U. A., Robert Kelso of Council of Social Agency, Mrs. White of the Elizabeth Peabody House, Miss Cannon of the Massachusetts General Hospital, Miss Barrows, Professor C. M. McConnell of Boston University, School of Theology, and Dean Walter S. Athearn of the School of Religious Education, and this is their opinion as well as my own. That is to say, while the West End does not need another social center (in fact, one of the strongest social welfare organizations is considering moving from the West End), there is a great need for a strong, free, outspoken interpreter of religious values.

What about to-morrow?

1. I shall make no attempt to build

the church through a settlement program or to discontinue any of our activities.

2. If you think that Bulfinch Place Church should be a community church, then I think you will find it necessary to move to another location. That will not be as simple as it sounds. If you care to consider re-locating Bulfinch Place Church, I recommend a study of a survey of the city made by Dean Walter Athearn for the Disciples.

3. Is there any experimental work that we can do to-day? There is. Boston University wishes a place in which to present religious plays. They would like to use our plant if the necessary alterations could be made. Dean Athearn stands willing to make these alterations and to pay a nominal rental for the use of our plant. We have not talked over details for I thought it best to have a committee from the Benevolent Fraternity investigate this matter with power to act. It is imperative that this work should be taken over at once, if at all. We have given several plays in the church vestry. There is a strong demand at the present time for organizing a dramatic club at Bulfinch Place Church. To do any real work it would be necessary to make changes in the present stage settings. If we would co-operate with the Dramatic Department of Boston University, School of Religious Education, we would be doing a great service to the Christian world at large, as well as to our own constituency, at no cost to ourselves.

4. The West End needs a strong preaching pulpit that will reach the people of Greater Boston. If the Benevolent Fraternity desires to make Bulfinch Place Church such a preaching center, it will be necessary to enable the minister (1) to spend more time on sermon preparation, (2) to provide better church music, (3) to provide adequate advertising.

5. We can make the Bulfinch Place Church a student church, that is to say, attractive to students. I know many think we have not the location for such a church. I admit we will not attract students of the "raccoon-coat" type, but I do know that the West End "teems" with students who are seekers in religion. Those students we would be in a position—we are in a position—to reach.

As a student church, I think it would be well to establish a recreational hall

where girls might have a lending library, and an opportunity to dance by radio or victrola each evening. (This is the one form of social work that Mrs. White thought we could render, to the working girls in the West End.)

I think that we can combine Articles 3, 4 and 5, and enter upon a new era without disrupting the old. However, in order to enter upon this new era, it will be necessary, I think, to adopt the following suggestions:

1. To establish an active Board of Directors from the Benevolent Fraternity of Unitarian Churches.
2. To enable the minister to live within walking distance of the church.
3. To provide a full time young people's worker, capable of acting as secretary to the minister.
4. To provide a house mother for the girls.
5. To make any necessary alterations in the church.

I feel confident that I can make this program go—if you will grant me a three-year contract and make the changes I have requested. *RW Jones*

SERMON SUBJECTS

March 18—"The Supremacy of the Intelligence."

March 25—"The Leadership of the Competent."

April 1—"Am I a Humanist?"

April 8—Easter Sunday. Dr. Eliot will preach.

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

The regular monthly meeting of the Alliance was held Wednesday, February 29. The address which was given by Rev. Dr. Henry Hallam Saunderson (Editor of the Wayside Pulpit), on "Beginnings of Life in New England," was interesting and instructive. He pleaded for all Bostonians to prepare for the three hundredth anniversary of the founding of Boston which will occur in 1930.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

On Friday evening, February 17, an enjoyable dancing party was held in the gymnasium by the members and friends of the Friendship Club. At the regular meeting on February 29 the Captain and three members of the Girl Scouts of Troop 3 of South Boston gave an interesting exhibition of Scout craft. They also taught us several new games. Field Captain Bass of Boston, visited the club. The March meeting will be devoted to instruction in Red Cross work.

RELIGIOUS DRAMA

The Department of Religious Drama of Boston University School of Religious Education and Social Service presented two Easter plays, "Cleopas" by Alice L. Barton and "Children of Hope" by Esther Willard Bates, on the afternoon and evening of Tuesday, March 6. "These plays are part of the experimental work done by the classes in Play Writing, Play Production Costuming and Stage Design. They are written and produced with a view of showing up their dramatic faults and virtues, and also with the hope that some of them will seem worth producing by churches . . . The general aim of the work in the enlargement and development of the technique of ecclesiastic drama."

We sincerely hope that the Department of Religious Drama will present other plays in our church.

LEND A HAND CLUBS

The annual exercises by the Lend a Hand Clubs of the church, of placing a memorial wreath on the statue of Dr. Edward Everett Hale at the Charles Street entrance of the Public Garden, will take place Monday, April 2, at four o'clock. It is hoped as many members of the clubs as possible will take part.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Readers of "Our Work" will be glad to know that George Philip and his mother (Mrs. Robert W. Jones) have returned from the hospital and are doing nicely.

Would you like to see "Cleopas" presented by the pupils of the Howard Sunday School on Easter Sunday?

Congratulations are to be extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Furbish on the birth of a new son.

We are all glad to learn that Mrs. Shackford has had a very successful operation and is now recuperating at 53 Parker Hill Avenue.

February 22 brought the annual Washington's Birthday party. The "Cherry Pie," the hatchet, the gifts, the caps, the games, the ice cream and cake made it a real party for the children and their parents. There were ninety present, including some mothers who years ago attended the party as children.

ELIOT CIRCLE

At the regular meeting on March 2, we had the pleasure of listening to an illustrated talk on "Winter Birds," by Mrs. Louise Hastings, who told us many interesting stories of her ac-

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April, 1928

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quaintance with these feathered friends. The large audience was most appreciative. We thank Mrs. Hastings.

Plans are well under way for our spring sale and luncheon which come on Friday, April 13. There will be tables for the sale of cooked foods, candy, pickles, preserves, aprons, fancy goods and, in fact, any and everything. Mrs. Charles Slager will have charge

of the luncheon. She will need many helpers.

Now, a special notice to our members. In view of the fact that our next meeting would come on Good Friday, it was voted to hold the meeting on Friday, March 30, so please make your plans accordingly.

K. L. S.

COMFORT CARRIERS CLUB

The Annual meeting of the Comfort Carriers Club was held Wednesday, March 7. All reports were full of the good work accomplished during the year. New plans were made for the coming year and the following officers were elected:

President Mrs. Walter L. King

Vice President' Miss Annie T. Brown

Secretary Mrs. Bruce Poehler

Treasurer Miss Abigail A. Eliot

Chairman of Program Committee

Miss Edith L. Jones

Corresponding Secretary

Miss Carrie Roberts

WINKLEY GUILD NOTICE

The Sunday evening meetings of the Guild are slowly becoming more popular. Miss Mary Shackford led us on February 12 with the topic "What Difference Does It Make What We Do on Sunday?" On February 19, several members visited the Epworth League of the First M. E. Church and on February 26, nine members joined with the Y. P. R. U. of First Church in a meeting held in Hale Chapel. On March 4, Mr. Alan Harris led us with the topic: "If I were an employer, I should want my young employees to be . . ." Our next meeting, March 11, will be in charge of Miss Betty Harris, with the discussion topic: "What is the significance of Lent?"

Our February Social, held on the 24th in the gymnasium, was a great success. A larger number of our friends attended and all voted the affair the best of the season. The next Social will be held March 30.

A business meeting was held Wednesday, February 15, and much discussion was heard concerning a play to be staged in April. Plans are now being made, and announcements will be made later.

HOWARD SUNDAY SCHOOL

The quarterly meeting of the teachers and officers of the Howard Sunday School will be held Thursday, March 15, at 8:00 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hobart W. Winkley, 11 Louisburg Square.

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No. 1

Adult Bible Class

REV. CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT

Teacher

The Reverend Mr. Eliot has consented to be the Bible Class leader this year. The class will combine several of the adult classes and Mr. Eliot is depending upon their teachers, Miss Stokes, Mrs. Breed, Miss Leon, and Mrs. Peabody, in making plans and in maintaining the class. The general subject for the season will be "Current Events In the Religious World." The special subjects for the first two Sundays, September 30 and October 7, were "The Kellogg Treaties," and the "Massachusetts Tercentenary."

The subject for October 14 will be "How Did the Pilgrims and the Puritans Differ?—What Did They Have In Common?"

A special invitation is extended to the men of the Parish (and their friends). Suggestions as to subjects of special interest to men will be welcomed.

The class follows immediately the opening service of the Sunday School and begins at 2 o'clock. The membership to date is 25. We hope to make it 50.

Home Coming Sunday

NOVEMBER 4, 1928

We hope many of the old friends and members of the Chapel will make a special effort to attend services on November 4. Help make this a banner day in the history of the Chapel by passing the word to your friends.

28 The English Prayer Book - Revision etc.

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O. Arthur McMurdie

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Harvest Festival is to be celebrated this year by a Harvest supper for members and friends of the Sunday School and Church, on Thursday, October 25, at 6:30 o'clock. The supper will be followed by an entertainment, after which there will be a service in preparation for Communion Sunday.

Donations of fruit, vegetables, and autumn leaves for decorations, will be gladly received at the Church before Thursday noon.

COMFORT CARRIERS' CLUB

Mrs. Mildred King, President

The Comfort Carriers' Club had its first meeting at Bulfinch Place Church, October 3.

Supper was served at 6:45. Mrs. King and Mrs. Poehler acted as hostesses.

Mrs. Lucille M. Vandiver proved to be a very interesting speaker.

We are looking forward to doing our bit of "Christmas Cheer" by wrapping packages for the children at the Preventorium at our next meeting, December 5, at the Church.

M. J. Poehler, Sec.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Church Attendance

	Women	Men	Children	Total
Sept. 16	38	19	2	59
" 23	43	18	2	63
" 30	44	19	1	64

125 56 5 186

Church Contributions

September \$32.10

Joseph Jones

Mr. Jones will speak at the Y.P.R.U. Rally in Keene, N. H., on Sunday, October 21. His subject will be "The Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice."

Do you know that Gordon has cut his first tooth?

A full church greeted John Haynes Holmes at the first evening meeting of Parker Memorial. He spoke so highly of Theodore Parker that a student has been reported as saying, "He thinks more of Theodore Parker than he does of Jesus."

Mr. N. Winthrop Robinson told Mr. Jones that the Benevolent Fraternity of Unitarian Churches had expected to re-decorate the church auditorium this past summer. The work has been delayed because the Theodore Parker tablets were not ready. This means that it will not be necessary for the people of the Chapel to raise the money as was decided last spring. We can now give more freely in answer to other appeals.

A splendid congregation attended the re-opening of Parker Memorial last Sunday afternoon when Mr. Jones was installed as minister and director.

The first regular meeting of the Unitarian Sunday School Union of Boston will be held at the Second Church, Boston, corner of Beacon St. and Audubon Road, Monday, October 15, 1928. Supper at 6:00. Departmental Conferences at 7:00. General Meeting, 8:00 to 9:30. Rev. Edwin M. Slocomb, of Lexington, will speak on "Following New Trails in Religious Education." Mr. Slocomb will tell about his experiments in his own Sunday School and with his young people.

WINKLEY GUILD

Miss Mary Shackford, President

The Winkley Guild is planning a program for the winter's work, which we hope will prove interesting to all its members. The first religious meet-

ing will be held October 14 at 5 p. m. This service will follow a walk and a supper. The first social will be held October 26 at 8 o'clock.

Several Guild members attended the Y. P. R. U. Rally of the Greater Boston Federation at the First Church, Boston, on Sunday evening, Sept. 30.

Barbara Harris,
Secretary

ELIOT CIRCLE

Miss Katharine R. Stokes, President

The season opened on October 5 with a fine attendance. The loyal spirit of the members is good to see. Our little friend, Doris Finch sang some pretty songs. Miss McIntire of the Elizabeth Peabody House gave an interesting account of the activities there.

The Charlotte Home reports a good season, having had 114 guests. We had the pleasure of entertaining the Winkley Guild for a week end, inviting the Y. P. R. U. of North Andover to meet them. A good time it certainly was, with ball games, dances in the great barn, drives, and walks. We hope to repeat this pleasant experience next year, perhaps more than once, beginning earlier in the season.

We also had evenings of music with our neighbors, and of course the birthday parties are always enjoyable. We are glad at the end of our sixteenth season to realize that it has been one of the best.

At our next meeting, on November 2, a pancake luncheon will be served by the Pillsbury Flour Company. We hope also to have a talk on the Midnight Ministry of the Radio. This should be most interesting. Everyone welcome. K. R. S.

LEND A HAND CLUBS

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, the Autumn Conference of Lend a Hand Clubs will be held in the Unitarian Church, Lexington. To reach the church allow an hour from Park Street Subway, Boston. At Harvard Square take car to Arlington Heights. There take Lexington bus to Elm Street. Bus leaves on the hour and every fifteen minutes.

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

Miss Edith L. Jones, President

The officers and committee chairmen met at the home of the president, Miss Edith L. Jones, on Tuesday, Sep-

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Jones extend this invitation to the friends of Bulfinch Place Church to an evening at home on Tuesday, November 13, at 9 Austin Park, Cambridge.

tember 25, and planned the program for the season.

A preliminary meeting was held at the church on October 10 at eleven o'clock. The study class is going to use Rev. Gilkey's "Secrets of Effective Living" as a text guide. The Alliance will raise money for their work by a "Fairless Fair" which we hope will bring more than a fair return. Mr. Eliot brought words of good cheer and encouragement. During the luncheon Mr. Jones voiced his appreciation of the Alliance.

The next meeting of the Alliance will be on Wednesday, October 24.

Elinor Crocker, Secretary

HOWARD SUNDAY SCHOOL

Robert W. Jones, Supt.

The Winkley Room was dedicated by the officers, teachers and pupils of the John Howard Sunday School at the first service of the new church school year. Two new teachers, Miss Mildred Vickers and Mr. Leslie Martin, have been added to the teaching staff. With regret the resignation of Miss Marguerite Pfliegerhaa is announced. Mr. Jones is giving a series of talks on the "Isles of Shoals."

N. B.

Have you sent your contribution for your subscription to "Our Work" to Miss Gertrude C. Rogers? The funds are very low and this is the last issue on last year's subscription.

CLUBS P. T. N.

P. T. N. Please Take Notice. The clubs and organizations of Bulfinch Place Church which desire space in "Our Work" are requested to appoint reporters. Material must be in the mail box of the church or on the desk of the editor by noon of the Tuesday preceding the second Sunday of the month.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

14	Sunday	Howard Sunday School	1:45
		Adult Bible Class	1:45
		Church Service	3:15
		Sermon subject, "Thy Will Be Done"	
		Winkley Guild	5:30
		Parker Memorial Service	7:45
		Speaker, Rev. Frederick May Eliot	
		Subject, "The Folly of Half-way Liberalism"	
21	Sunday	Howard Sunday School	1:45
		Adult Bible Class	1:45
		Church Service	3:15
		Rev. Christopher R. Eliot will preach	
		Parker Memorial Service	7:45
		Speaker, Lewis K. Browne	
		Subject, "What's Happening In Religion?"	
24	Wednesday	Women's Alliance	2:15
25	Thursday	Harvest Supper	6:30
		Entertainment	
		Communion Preparation Service	
26	Friday	Winkley Guild Social	8:00
28	Sunday	Howard Sunday School	1:45
		Adult Bible Class	1:45
		Church Service	3:15
		Communion Service	4:15
		Parker Memorial Service	7:45
		Speaker, Dr. Sherwood Eddy	
		Subject, "Religion and Social Justice"	

November

1	Thursday	Dramatic Program	8:00
2	Friday	Eliot Circle	2:30
		Dramatic Program	8:00
4	Sunday	Howard Sunday School	1:45
		Adult Bible Class	1:45
		Church Service	3:15
		Home Coming Service	
		Parker Memorial Service	7:45
6	Tuesday	Election	
7	Wednesday	Boston University Dramatic Program	8:00
8	Thursday	Evening Alliance	6:30

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BULFINCH PLACE CHURCH, BOSTON, JANUARY, 1929

No. 4

Greater Boston Preaching Mission

Sixty-five Unitarian churches of Greater Boston are joining in a preaching mission of liberal religion in the

Arlington Street Church January 20—27

You, as well as your non-Unitarian friends, will profit by this short course on

"The Principles of Religion"

which will be given by

REVEREND HORACE WESTWOOD, D.D.

National Mission Preacher for the Unitarian Laymen's League.
There are three ways by which you may help the cause of liberalism:

1. By sending the names of any of your non-Unitarian and un-churched friends who might like to attend these meetings, to Mr. Jones.
2. By talking about our mission to your friends at home, on the street, in the office, because of the significant interest of the Preachers' Mission.
3. By attending as many meetings as you can. Bring your friends, organize parties.

The meetings will begin at 8 o'clock with a preliminary fifteen-minute period of music preceding the service. The following will be the topics of the addresses to be delivered:

January 20—"The Christianity of Christ."

January 21—"The Present Religious Crisis and You."

January 22—"Salvation—Is Faith Enough?"

January 23—"What God Means to Me—Can an Agnostic Believe?"

January 24—"Why We Are Catholics—The Church That Is to Be."

January 25—"Immortality—Why Wait Until You Die?"

January 27—"A New Revelation."

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O. Arthur McMurdie

Miss Gertrude C. Rogers — Business Manager, Our Work.

Mrs. Emily Elliott — Subscription Manager, Christian Register.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

All members and friends of Bulfinch Place Church are cordially invited to attend the Annual Church Meeting on Thursday, January 17, 1929, at 7:45. Supper will be served at 6:30 by Mrs. Rose Leavens.

At the close of the business meeting which will not be long, the Eliot Room will be formally opened.

This should be one of the most pleasant evenings we have had at the Church in a long time.

CHRISTMAS EVE 1928

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Jones received many friends of the Church on Christmas Eve in the Eliot Room. The choir of the First Methodist Episcopal Church on Temple Street sang several carols around Bulfinch Place, and accepted the invitation to tarry awhile in the Eliot Room.

HOWARD SUNDAY SCHOOL

A large group of enthusiastic people attended the annual Christmas party of the Howard Sunday School in the

Winkley Room on Friday, December 21, 1928. Miss Edith L. Jones, Chairman, arranged a very interesting program which was opened with the singing of Christmas carols. Players of the Lend-A-Hand Masque of Greater Boston presented the Second Act of Bird's "Christmas Carol" in a very commendable way. The curtain had scarcely fallen at the close of the play, when Santa Claus arrived. Santa had snap-pers and blowers for everyone and proceeded at once to have a jolly good time. The Christmas spirit filled the room to overflowing. Greetings were sent to Doctor Eliot via Western Union. The ice cream and cake, candy and gifts which the Committee had provided, went happily to their destination ere the evening closed.

May we express our thanks to Miss Jones for arranging such an excellent program; to Mr. Robert W. Winkley and the Boston Young Men's Christian Union for the tree; to Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie for beautifully decorating it; to Santa Claus with his jolly good fun; and to the teachers and the friends of the Howard Sunday School who furnished the gifts for Santa Claus.

ELIOT CIRCLE

Katharine R. Stokes, President

Another Christmas has come and gone. To some of us it seems the very best in point of service that we have ever known. New opportunities to lend a hand in many directions, were made possible by the generous response of our friends. It is such a satisfaction to send comfort and happiness into so many homes.

Our children's party on December 28 was a glorious good time. Santa was in our midst with his great snowball, joining in the games to the delight of all the children. The snow man with his little dog received such a warm reception it quite melted his heart. It was a wonderful party, long to be remembered.

The experience of a new year's lunch on January 4 proved quite a success. About a hundred friends sat down together for a social luncheon. It was indeed a disappointment not to have Miss Eliot speak to us but we have that pleasure in store.

Our members will please remember that the sunshine bags will be called in at the February meeting.

A blessed New Year to all.

K. R. S.

RELIGIOUS DRAMA

A religious drama, "Christianity Re-born," was given as the Christmas program at Bulfinch Place Church and Parker Memorial on December 23.

The drama was written by Reverend Robert W. Jones and directed by Lucille Vandiver. The beautiful effects were due largely to the excellent lighting which was under the direction of Albert Cook.

Instead of building the story around the birth of Christ, the drama dealt with his ministry and mission. The significant words of the Sermon on the Mount were spoken to about fifty people which composed the multitude on the mountain. Into the drama was woven the episode of the rich young ruler, the story of Nicodemus, and the condemnation of the Pharisees as hearers and not doers of the word of God.

The drama carried significance as something full of meaning apart from the birth of Christ. After all, it is the personality of Christ which we reverence at Christmas time.

The cast of characters included:

The Prophets

Amos Ezra Breed
Hosea Winston Weller
Jeremiah Alan Harris
Isaiah John Eberfeld
Micah Arthur Hulmund
Old Man Lester Martin
John the Baptist Willard Shaffert
Hearers:

Melville Furbush, Bobby Leavens,
Lester Martin, Ludwig Olson,
Albert McClury

The Nativity

Mary Mother ... Ann Terry Johnson
Joseph Frank Elberfeld
Shepherds {Herbert Shackford
 {George McElvery
 {Francis Haskell
Kings {Alan Harris
 {Richard McGowan

Jesus the Teacher

Jesus Robert W. Jones
James { Jesus' {John Elberfeld
John { brothers {Frank Elberfeld
Nicodemus Willard Shaffert
Rich Young Ruler .. Albert McClury
Mary, Mother { Miss Annie F. Brown
 { of Jesus }
Old Man Ludwig Olson
Little Children:
Blind child Bertha Jesseau
Lad (with bunch of grapes)
Richard McGowan

Girl (leading blind girl)

Thelma Dorsett

Other children

Ruth Dorsett, Marion Parker,
Emelia McGowan

Young Girls:

Gladys Leavens, Sybil Ellicott,
Edith Chase, Barbara Harris,
Mary Shackford

Widow Minerva Moffatt

Lady in Mourning .. Marion Tolman

Matrons {Rose Leavens
 {Elizabeth Harris

Scribe Francis Haskell

Pharisee Ezra Breed

WOMAN'S ALLIANCE

Miss Edith L. Jones, President

A very happy and enjoyable Christmas meeting of the Alliance was held Wednesday, December 19. About thirty members and friends sat down at 6:30 o'clock to a fine supper prepared by the Hospitality Committee. Supper was followed by a short business meeting. Mr. Jones distributed presents which Santa Claus had placed on a prettily decorated Christmas tree. The evening closed with the reading by Mr. Jones, "The Magi and Their Search for the Christ."

The next regular meeting of the Alliance will be held Wednesday, January 23. Mrs. William W. Churchill will give a talk on "The Southern Work of the General Alliance."

Elinor Crocker

THE WINKLEY GUILD

Mary Shackford, President

Miss Gladys Leavens and Miss Elizabeth Harris attended the Young People's Conference at Proctor Academy, Andover, N. H., as delegates of the Winkley Guild. They will give a report of the conference at our religious meeting on Sunday, January 13, at five o'clock. At six o'clock supper will be served by Gladys Leavens and Alan Harris.

The Winkley Guild invites you to attend a series of dances on the Friday evenings of January 25, February 22, and March 22. The subscription for each dance is thirty-five cents.

B. H. Harris

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The flowers on the Communion table Sunday, January 6, were sent by Mr. and Mrs. William Strong in memory of their son, Hobart Merrill,

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

13	Sunday	Howard Sunday School	1:45
		Church Service	3:15
		Parker Memorial Service	7:30
		Rev. John H. Dietrich, speaker	
		Subject: "My Religion"	
		Winkley Guild	5:00
17	Thursday	Monthly Church Supper	6:30
		Annual Church Meeting	7:30
		Opening of Eliot Room	8:00
20	Sunday	Howard Sunday School	1:45
		Church Service	3:15
		Parker Memorial Service	7:30
		Rev. Frederick Griffin, speaker	
20-27	Entire week	Greater Boston Preaching Mission	7:45
		Arlington Street Church	
23	Wednesday	Alliance Meeting	2:15
25	Friday	Winkley Guild Social Dance	8:00
27	Sunday	Howard Sunday School	1:45
		Church Service	3:15
		Parker Memorial Service	7:30
		Hon. Arthur Garfield Hayes, speaker	
		Subject: "Boston—A Citadel of Liberty"	

February

1	Friday	Eliot Circle	2:30
3	Sunday	YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUNDAY	
		Howard Sunday School	1:45
		Church Service	3:15
		Parker Memorial Service	7:30
		Prof. Harold E. B. Speight, speaker	

daughter Mildred Ellis, and grandchild, Barbara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Strong.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Morton, 20 Gledhill Avenue, Everett, will entertain the friends of Bulfinch Place Church, who reside in Everett, on the evening of Thursday, January 31.

Friends of the Church who reside in Belmont, Waverley and Lexington enjoyed an evening of sociability at the home of the McMurdie's, 253 Waverley Street, Belmont, on December 13, 1928.

The roses and stevia on the communion table on December 9 were sent by Mrs. Fannie Singleton in memory of her mother, Mrs. Katharine Daniels.

Rev. Robert W. Jones presided at

the Community Church Service and Forum, Sunday, December 30.

Miss Mildred Vickers, teacher of the Howard Sunday School, spent the Christmas vacation at her home in Oakmont, Pennsylvania.

We were glad to welcome Mr. Benjamin B. Gillette to the church service on December 30 when he presided at the organ in the absence of Miss Helen Lyndon.

The choir gave the annual program of Christmas music in conjunction with the religious drama "Christianity Reborn" on December 23.

The majority of the people who answered the questionnaire favored retaining the present schedule of church services.

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BULFINCH PLACE CHURCH, BOSTON, APRIL, 1929

No. 7

Statement of Purpose and Belief

BULFINCH PLACE CHURCH is dedicated to religion but not to a creed. Love to God expressed by service rendered to Man we regard as the essence of religion. Consecrating ourselves to this principle we strive to worship in the spirit of Truth, to develop character, and to serve humanity. We cordially welcome to our fellowship all who are trying to understand and appreciate the spiritual values of life.

A CHALLENGE AWAITS YOU !

The Interpreter

I wish there were Someone
Who would hear confession.
Not a priest — I do not want to be told of
my sins ;
Not a mother — I do not want to give
sorrow ;
Not a friend — she would not know enough ;
Not a lover — he would be too partial
Not God — He is far away ;
But Someone who would be friend, lover,
mother, priest, God, all in one,
And a Stranger besides — who would not
condemn or interfere ;
Who, when everything is said from begin-
ning to end,
Would show the reason of it all.
And tell you to go ahead
And work it out your own way.

Jeanne D'Orge

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Sunday Services

Howard Sunday School 1:45

Church Service 3:15

Communion Service 4:15

(First Sunday each month)

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Miss Gertrude C. Rogers — Business

Manager, Our Work.

Mrs. Emily Elliott — Subscription

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THE MAY FESTIVAL

The annual May Festival will be held on Friday, May 10, 1929. As usual, the supper will be served by the John Howard Club. The Eliot Circle will serve ice cream in the Eliot Room. There will be a Maypole dance and other entertaining features by the May Club, the Christopher R. Eliot Club, and the Comfort Carrier's Club.

ELIOT CIRCLE

At the April meeting we celebrated the birthdays of Dr. Edward Everett Hale, Mr. Samuel Hobart Winkley, and Ruth Climo, the daughter of one of our members whose birthday comes on April 3.

Mr. Charles Howard Mills, Executive Secretary of the Harry E. Burroughs Newsboys Foundation, gave an inspiring address in the afternoon. He extended a cordial invitation to

everyone to visit the Foundation at 10 Somerset Street.

On May 3, at 2:30, Miss Richardson of the Horticultural Society will give us a talk on wild flowers and will show pictures of our native wild flowers. Please extend this notice so that many may enjoy this meeting.

At the May Festival on May 10, ice cream and cake will be served in the Eliot Parlors. K. R. S.

THE WINKLEY GUILD

Mary Shackford, President

On Friday, April 26, the members of the Winkley Guild will conduct a "Tour Around the World." Plans are made for an enjoyable journey. Be sure to come by eight o'clock to make your reservations for the evening. Exchange your ticket, which will cost you fifty cents, at the ticket office at Bulfinch Place Church, for your time-table announcing the time of arrival and departure from the points of interest. Paris, Norway, Sweden, Holland, Ireland, and Egypt are some of the places you will visit.

Barbara H. Harris, Secretary

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

Edith L. Jones, President

An interesting neighborhood meeting of the Alliance was held on Wednesday, March 27. There were about 100 members and guests present. Mrs. Robert W. Jones led the devotional service at the short business meeting. Mrs. Harry Belmont Hill, wife of the minister of the Temple Street Methodist Church, sang a solo. An illustrated lecture on "The Old Ship Church of Hingham" by the Rev. J. Harry Hooper was most interesting. Light refreshments were served.

The last regular meeting of the Alliance will be held Wednesday, April 24. Mr. Frederick Soule will speak on the work of the Norfolk House Center.

A very creditable performance of the play "The Old Peabody Pew" was given by the ladies of the Alliance on Wednesday, April 3. At the dress rehearsal in the afternoon a Silver Tea was served. There was a large attendance at the supper and the play in the evening. The day's work netted the Alliance \$40.00.

HUMANE SUNDAY SERVICES

The Animal Welfare Association celebrated its Third Annual Mass Meeting in Bulfinch Place Church on Sunday, April 14. Rev. Christopher

R. Eliot conducted the service and introduced the speakers.

Mr. Winthrop Packard of the Audubon Society spoke on "Bird Study and Bird Protection." Mr. Julian Codman spoke on "The Function of the Animal Rescue League As I See It." Mr. John Sturgis Codman of the New England Anti-Vivisection Society spoke on "An Unpopular Branch of Animal Welfare Work." Dr. Florence W. Duckering talked on "The Question of Human Diet," and Dr. Francis H. Rowley on "Approaching the Goal."

There were five short sermons, as it were, instead of one long one and no one seemed to be wearied by the length of the meeting. Mrs. Vandiver read two interesting and appropriate selections, and Miss Esther Claff sang very beautifully the hymn of St. Francis "The Canticle of the Sun" arranged by G. Williams. She also sang William Blake's charming song "Little Lamb Who Made Thee?" Miss Martha Gerritzma played the violin with much feeling and appreciation. Miss Lyndon played Liszt's "Sermon to the Birds" on the organ.

There was a large attendance and everyone seemed to be interested in the service and in the literature distributed following the service.

The Animal Welfare Association greatly appreciates the privilege of holding this meeting at Bulfinch Place Church.

The animals have many friends!

Humane Sunday was celebrated, as usual in the Sunday School. Rev. Christopher R. Eliot led the service in Mr. Jones' absence. He was assisted by the Christopher R. Eliot Club; Edith Chase, Gladys Leavens, Barbara Harris, and Elinor McMurdie taking part. Edith Chase read the story of "Grey Friars Bobby" which she summarized from Eleanor Atkinson's charming tale of the faithful little dog who slept every night for fourteen years on his master's grave.

Stereopticon pictures of "Children and Animals of Many Lands" were shown and the Rev. William Gannett's humane service "A Festival of Tender Mercies" was used.

A. M. P.

HOWARD SUNDAY SCHOOL

The last quarterly teacher's meeting of Howard Sunday School was held at the home of Rev. Christopher R. Eliot on March 21.

Miss Edith L. Jones reported the

success of the Howard Sunday School Club which was organized this last winter.

As director of recreation Miss Jones will be glad to receive any suggestions for our next Sunday School picnic.

Memorial Sunday will be observed as usual. Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie was made chairman of the committee for that Sunday.

Miss Annie F. Brown will take charge of Flower Sunday this June.

After the adjournment of the meeting the teachers became the guests of Rev. Christopher R. Eliot and Miss Abigail A. Eliot at a very enjoyable social hour.

Elizabeth J. Harris

Our minister was very much pleased with the "Welcome Home" greeting from the Howard Sunday School Club which he found on his return Wednesday, April 17. Mr. Jones had been absent from the pulpit for two Sundays on a mission for the American Unitarian Association in Iowa City. We are very glad to have him with us again.

MARCH CHURCH MEETING

On March 29, 1929, about fifty people attended the excellent Church supper prepared by Mrs. Robert Leavens. After a social interim the meeting was opened in the Eliot Room by Reverend Robert W. Jones with a summary of the points discussed at the February meeting:

1. Shall we go on with our present church program?

2. Shall we modify it by an occasional service that centers about the fine arts, poetry, music and drama?

3. Would it be desirable to have a guest speaker occasionally?

Mr. Walter King summed up the discussion when he said: "The consensus of opinion seems to be that we keep the afternoon service as it is now; that we have occasionally another preacher, and if any fine arts program that it apply only to music." His statement was put before the meeting as a motion and it was carried by a unanimous vote.

In answer to the question "How can the church be built up?" Mr. Jones, said, in part: "The only way to have a church is to have a congregation. Invite your friends and guests to come to church with you. . . Make this resolution: Before speaking to your old friends after the service make it a point to speak to new-

comers or strangers. This friendly feeling will help the church move forward. Be sure, too, to get the names of the new-comers and introduce them to your old friends and to the minister." Annie F. Brown

RELIGIOUS VALUES IN DRAMA

How hard it is to profit by the experience or wisdom of another person! It is only when the experience of someone else becomes our own that we can understand other people, their lives, ambitions and problems. This ability to understand the other fellow is the foundation of every forward movement. More complete understanding of other lives will break down barriers between classes, ages, creeds, and races. This is more than a tolerance for other folks; it means an understanding that amounts to sympathy and companionship.

One's life is from necessity limited to few experiences. By breadth of reading and sympathy many people break down the reserve which so often shuts up each person in a closed cage. But it is through drama or plays that one reaches most quickly beyond his individual experience. He must actually put himself in another's place, feel, think, act, and talk like another person. No one can pass through the exacting rehearsals for a play without having added to his knowledge of life. If the play is filled with noble lines or stimulating thoughts, the ones in the play find they have added much to their mental storehouse of favorite lines which hover in memory for future meditation.

Not only is this sympathy for life created for those in the play, but the audience reacts emotionally and carries away something which becomes a part of its inner life. The greater the play, the greater the impression certainly. But every play is designed to interpret life in some form, and as we understand life we grow less critical, more sympathetic. This is in itself worthwhile.

Lucille Vandiver

MAY MEETINGS

Notable visiting speakers at the meetings of Anniversary Week in Boston, Mass., May 19-25, will include Bishop Francis J. McConnell, who will deliver the Ware Lecture; Dr. Anna Garlin Spencer; Dr. Gabriel Csiki of Buda-Pesth, representing the Hungarian Unitarian churches; Rev.

John Haynes Holmes, who will discuss prohibition and civil liberties in two addresses; Walter Prichard Eaton, who will address a newly instituted public meeting of the Y. P. R. U. Tuesday evening, May 21; and Prof. Henry N. Wieman of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. Dr. Frederick R. Griffin of Philadelphia, Pa., will preach the Anniversary Sermon.

A CHALLENGE

"If liberal religion is or has been in a period of decline, it is primarily because we have relinquished the high task of social leadership," said Dr. Robert C. Dexter, secretary of the Department of Social Relations of the American Unitarian Association, before the Worcester Conference recently. "Our own tradition is all on the side of the church's concern with public affairs. Parker and Channing both dared to bring to the front the social implications of their beliefs in freedom and independence, and such men have been the glory of our liberal faith."

"Now the aim of a truly liberal church is to free the mind that men shall talk together just as simply, as naturally, as fully, about the questions of everyday life, that there shall be one place where they may confer together, where a man shall be no more ashamed of expressing his doubt or his difference of opinion than he shall be of expressing his agreement."

— Samuel M. Crothers.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Miss Edith L. Jones and Miss Mabel Foster enjoyed their motor trip to Washington, D. C., even though some of us thought they made a mistake in not taking an out board motor with them.

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We were very glad to have Rev. Frederick May Eliot share in the Communion Service on April 7. He and Mrs. Eliot have sailed for Europe on a five month's vacation trip. Bon Voyage!

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The last service for this year at Parker Memorial will be held Sunday, April 28, at seven o'clock. "The Hour Glass" by W. B. Yates will be presented. Dean W. W. Fenn of the Harvard Divinity School will speak on "Aiming at Mediocrity." The Town and Gown Club will attend this service.

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BULFINCH PLACE CHURCH, BOSTON, NOVEMBER, 1929

No. 2

When War Shall Be No More

Were half the power that fills the world with terror,
Were half the wealth bestowed on camps and
courts,

Given to redeem the human mind from error,
There were no need of arsenals and forts.

The warrior's name would be a name abhorred!
And every nation, that should lift again
Its hand against a brother, on his forehead
Would wear forevermore the curse of Cain!

Down the dark future, through long generations,
The echoing sounds grow fainter and then cease;
And like a bell, with solemn, sweet vibrations,
I hear once more the voice of Christ say,
"Peace!"

Peace! and no more from its brazen portals
The blast of war's great organ shakes the skies!
But beautiful as the songs of the immortals,
The holy melodies of Love arise.

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

HOME COMING SUNDAY

On Sunday, November 24, our second annual home coming service will be observed. Mrs. Anna C. Breed, director of our church choir, has invited all the former members of the choir to sing at this service. Special rehearsals have been called and the great choir of thirty voices will sing four numbers. Mr. Eliot and Mr. Jones will speak. Tea will be served in the Eliot Room after the service. Bring your Sunday guests to your church home. Those who have automobiles are requested to make transportation easier for the shut-ins by volunteering to call for some of the old friends of the church. Please communicate with the church office if you can render this service, but do not know any one in your neighborhood who would like this assistance.

MEDITATION

Each Sunday evening from six forty-five until seven fifteen Mr. Jones meets with a small group of people who are interested in setting aside this time for a few moments of reflection and meditation. All who are interested in thus developing their spiritual consciousness are cordially invited to attend. This group meets in the room at the rear of the church auditorium.

HOWARD SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Howard Sunday School welcomes three new teachers: Mrs. Robert W. Jones, who succeeds Miss Mildred Vickers, Mr. Vernet Keller of the Divinity School in Harvard University who has taken Mr. Lester Martin's class, and Miss Lois Honnors of the Tuckerman School who conducts the newly organized kindergarten class.

Mrs. Jones' and Mr. Keller's classes entertained the Howard Sunday School Club at the monthly meeting on Friday, November 8. The Children's hour from five to six was directed by Miss Edith L. Jones. The supper was prepared by the mothers of the children of the hosts under the direction of Mrs. Robert W. Jones. Because of the absence of Mr. Keller, Mr. Jones directed the play hour after the business meeting. The "art gallery" which held childhood pictures of the members of the Howard Sunday School was arranged by Miss Edith Chase and provided much fun for everyone. How some of us have changed!

The first quarterly meeting of the

officers and teachers of the Howard Sunday School was held in the Eliot Room, on Wednesday, October 30. It was unanimously voted the Winkley Guild be permitted to meet during the Sunday School hour on the second Sunday of each month and conduct the opening services of the Howard Sunday School on that day. It was also voted to have each class conduct the service of worship one Sunday during the year.

CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT CLUB

Sybil Elliott, President

At the first meeting of the year which was held in the home of Miss Edith L. Jones picture postal cards were prepared for the American mission to Lepers and articles were sewed for the Women's Alliance contribution to the Massachusetts Indian Association. A contribution was voted for dispensary supplies for the "Maraval," Dr. Grenfell's hospital ship. The club is corresponding with a southern girl.

Members of the Club will gladly fill any orders for home made candy. Please send your order to Miss Jones. The profits from the candy sales will be turned into the club treasury.

ELIOT CIRCLE

At our social lunch on November 1, Mr. Eliot gave an interesting talk on the Indian situation, telling of the hopeful outlook due to the appointment by President Hoover of Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Scattergood as heads of the Indian Commission.

Mrs. Charles Chapman played and sang popular songs. It so happened that Mrs. Lund's birthday came on this date, so that with the birthday cake and hearty congratulations we could celebrate with her.

At the next meeting on December 6, we shall introduce a questionnaire. The subject at this time will be: "Do you believe in Santa Claus?" The discussion will be lead by our Program Committee. Please come prepared to speak your mind.

Our special Christmas interest this year will be to provide Christmas cheer for a little family of four, the children of one of our girls now living on an island a long distance from us. Please remember little girls six, four and one years of age, also a boy of two. Clothing, toys, etc., will be welcome. Don't forget the mother, and bring these things on Friday, December 6.

K. R. Stokes

DO YOU KNOW THAT —

only one person has expressed the opinion, to Mr. Jones, that the memorial windows should not be placed permanently in the chapel room at the rear of the church auditorium?

the Benevolent Fraternity of Unitarian Churches have caused a new smoke stack to be erected at the church and are now considering bids on an electric blower for the organ and plan to give the church auditorium another coat of paint?

a trained supervisor takes care of children during the church service?

a kindergarten teacher has been added to the staff of the Howard Sunday School?

Mr. Vernet Keller, the new Howard Sunday School teacher, conducts a gym class for boys each Wednesday night?

the Fine Arts Guild of Parker Memorial is going to produce three one act plays and a fine musical program during the first week of December?

Mr. Jones is a member of the Executive Committee of the Boston branch of the American Civil Liberties Union?

the Pageantry Class of B. U. S. R. E. is going to produce, under the direction of Prof. Esther Willard Bates, two Christmas plays in the Winkley Room on the afternoon and evening of November 13?

the Fine Arts Guild has assumed the responsibility of decorating the dramatic workshop which was constructed in the basement last summer?

during the past month in addition to preaching at Bulfinch Place Church, Mr. Jones has preached in the First Parish, Unitarian, Jamaica Plain, the Universalist Church in Haverhill and Parker Memorial, Boston? He also addressed the Women's Alliance of Providence, R. I.

THE WINKLEY GUILD

Mr. Herbert Johnson, President.

The first religious meeting of the Guild will be held in the Winkley Room on Sunday, November 10, at 1:45. The service will be under the direction of Miss Mildred Vickers.

Miss Edith L. Jones has invited the members of the Guild to her home

on the evening of November 13 to discuss plans for the year. A two act comedy drama, "Mr. Bob," is now being cast and will be produced by the Guild at an early date.

CHURCH SUPPERS

The annual Harvest Supper was very much enjoyed by all who attended. Mrs. Rose Leavens outdid herself in preparing and serving the food. Mr. Frederick May Eliot of Bulfinch Place Church and St. Paul was our honored guest and spoke brightly of his vacation experiences while abroad last winter. Following the after dinner speaking Mr. Jones showed stereopticon slides of Lafayette National Park which he and Mrs. Jones visited last summer.

On Thursday, November 21, the friends of Bulfinch Place Church will sit down to the annual Thanksgiving dinner at 6:30. We hope you will be able to attend. Individual tickets are 35 cents. Family tickets are one dollar. A seasonal program will follow the supper.

THE WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

Miss Edith L. Jones, President

The first regular meeting of the Alliance, held in the Eliot Room on Wednesday, October 23, was well attended. Mrs. Robert Leavens and Mrs. Fred Turner gave a very interesting report of their experiences at the Isles of Shoals during the Alliance week last July. The address of the afternoon was given by Miss Elizabeth Harris. She spoke of her experiences since becoming an agent of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

On the evening of November 6, the Alliance was entertained by the Comfort Carrier's Club. Jolly games marked the first of the evening. These were followed by seven beautiful tableaux. Members and friends of the Comfort Carrier's Club posed for the pictures. Miss Helen Lyndon and Miss Martha Gerritsma played while the pictures were shown. Mrs. Robert W. Jones read briefly about the artists and the pictures. Every one greatly appreciated this contribution to the program which was under the direction of Mrs. Walter King and Mrs. Bruce Poehler.

A rummage sale will be promoted by the Alliance on November 20. The sale will be conducted at the church from 10:30 a. m. until 5 p. m. The Al-

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Sunday Services

Howard Sunday School 1:45

Church Service 3:15

Communion Service 4:15

(First Sunday each month)

Parker Memorial Service 7:30

Office Days

Mr. Jones—Wednesday.

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liance is asking the support of all friends for this sale. Please send your contribution of articles for this sale to the church not later than Monday, November 18.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

Miss Mabel Foster who arranged the neighborhood meetings last year will have charge of them again this winter. The Cambridge group will meet at the home of Dr. Christopher R. Eliot, 21 Francis Ave., Cambridge.

At these meetings Mr. Jones will

lead a discussion of some modern play or book. It is hoped that the friends of the church will accept the invitations to the neighborhood meetings in order to become better acquainted with each other and with Mr. and Mrs. Jones.

THE ELIOT ROOM

So many people congratulate Mr. Jones on the attractiveness of the Eliot Room that he desires to remind the people of the church that a committee selected and arranged the furnishings of the room. The committee consists of: Miss Mabel P. Foster, chairman; Mrs. Emily Elliott, Miss Edith L. Jones, Miss Abigail Eliot, Miss Katharine R. Stokes, Dr. Christopher R. Eliot and Rev. Robert W. Jones.

On Friday evening, November 1, the girls of Temple Hall entertained in the Eliot Room. Mr. Jones was delighted to meet among the chaperons, Prof. and Mrs. Stephen H. Fritchman, old college friends and old friends of Bulfinch Place Church. Prof. Fritchman graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in the class of '24. Mrs. Fritchman was formerly Miss Frances Putman.

The Eliot Room may be had for private social gatherings but reservations must be made well in advance with the church office.

The flowers on the Communion Table on October 13 were in memory of Mr. Fred Turner.

CHRISTIAN REGISTER

One of the greatest assets of our liberal faith is THE CHRISTIAN REGISTER. A multitude of enthusiastic readers consider it the most interesting and important publication they receive. Unique in its sanity—fearlessness—high quality of editorial and reportorial content, and its refreshing humor, THE REGISTER is deservedly termed the most virile religious periodical in the United States.

During the month of November, our churches are uniting in a country-wide campaign to enroll additional subscribers at a special Introductory Rate of five months for one dollar. Every family in the Parish is cordially invited to take advantage of this offer. Mrs. Emily Elliott is the Christian Register agent in our Alliance and will gladly take your subscription.

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No. 3

Star of My Heart

Star of my heart, I follow from afar.
Sweet love on high, lead on where shepherds are,
Where time is not and only dreamers are.
Star from of old, the Magi-Kings are dead
And a foolish Saxon seeks the manger-bed.
O lead me to Jehovah's child
Across this dreamland lone and wild,
Then I will speak this prayer unsaid,
And kiss his little haloed head —
"My star and I, we love thee, little child."

Except the Christ be born again tonight
In dreams of all men, saints and sons of shame,
The world will never see his kingdom bright.
Stars of all hearts, lead onward thru the night
Past death-black deserts, doubts without a name,
Past hills of pains and mountains of new sin
To that far sky where mystic births begin,
Where dreaming ears the angel-song shall win.
Our Christmas shall be rare at dawning there,
And each shall find his brother fair,
Like a little child within;
All hearts of the earth shall find new birth
And wake, no more to sin.

—VACHEL LINDSAY

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Winkley Guild 1:45

(Second Sunday of each month)

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(First and third Sunday of each month)

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ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

The annual church meeting will be held on Thursday, January 2, at seven thirty in the Eliot room. Supper will be served promptly at six thirty. This notice comes to you in ample time to reserve the date for the church. Show your interest by being present. Every indication at the present is that the church year now drawing to a close has been the best, in point of attendance, enthusiasm and helpfulness, during the ministry of Mr. Jones. The treasurer expects to report all bills, including the coal bill, paid. He will be able to make this report if all pledges are paid by the first of the year.

The flowers at the church on Sunday, November 17, were in memory of Paul, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lund.

The communion table flowers on November 24 were "in memory of our friend Carrie Belle Stackpole, a faithful member of Sunday School, Church and Choir from young girlhood until the end—April 30, 1905."

E. M. S.

THE ELIOT CIRCLE

At the Christmas meeting on Dec. 6, our Program Committee opened the discussion on Santa Claus. Very interesting were the varied views on this popular subject. Santa himself received many gifts for our special Christmas family which we hope will make a happy time for them.

Our Christmas party comes on Friday, Dec. 27, at 3 o'clock. Invite the children who should come for this good time, sending names, ages and addresses to Miss Stokes at the Church, before Dec. 20, so that plans may be made for them.

We shall have another social lunch Friday, Jan. 3, at 1 o'clock. At that time the question will come up: "Would you like to fly, and why?" Come prepared to tell us how you feel about it, and invite your friends for this pleasant occasion.

THANKSGIVING SUPPER

New problems are constantly arising at the church but none have been more pressing than the one which confronted Mrs. Rose Leavens when one hundred and forty-five guests appeared for the annual Thanksgiving Supper. About a hundred had been expected. But Mrs. Leavens was equal to the occasion and every one enjoyed the fellowship of the evening and had plenty of turkey besides. The musical program was arranged by Mrs. Lucille Vandiver and Miss Helen Lyndon of the Fine Arts Guild of Parker Memorial. It consisted of selections by the instrumental trio, Miss Helen Lyndon, pianist, Miss Elva Sturgis, violinist, and Miss Alice Bates, cellist; vocal solos by Miss Elizabeth Spaulding and Mr. David Hoff and a violin solo by Miss Martha Gerritsma.

THE WINKLEY GUILD

Mr. Herbert Johnson, President

The Guild is once more getting into stride.

The rehearsals for the play, "Mr. Bob," to be presented on January 17 indicate a very finished performance. It will be very much worth while to see this program. Perhaps you have noticed the very clever poster on the inside of the front door of the church. For this nice piece of work we are indebted to Miss Edith Chase.

Our Sunday meetings are improving all the time. On December 8 we will have for speaker in Sunday School, Miss Sally Comins. I think she needs no introduction to the church members. She will talk on her trip through Europe and China.

Then on January 12 we will have a very renowned speaker. He is a Hindu and has graduated from several universities. We will reserve his name until later. But will you all please save this date. We would like to show him a crowd.

A. W. H.

HOWARD SUNDAY SCHOOL

The annual Christmas party of the Howard Sunday School will be held in the Winkley Room on Monday evening, December 23. It is expected that more than a hundred will sit down to dinner at six thirty. A Christmas play, carol singing, a tree, and a visit from Santa will make a merry Christmas program. Miss Edith L. Jones is chairman of the committee in charge.

Miss Jones has organized her class into the "Builder's Club." The officers are Richard McGowan, president; Galvin Matthews, vice-president; Frederick McMurdie, secretary, and Henry Van, treasurer. Meetings of the "Builder's Club" are held during the Sunday School hour. During November the boys worked on the "blue print" character.

Mr. Jones takes this opportunity to announce the leaders of the devotional services of worship for the ensuing year. The Winkley Guild will be in charge on the second Sunday of each month. Miss Stokes' class will conduct the services on December 29; Miss Jones on January 26; Dr. Eliot on February 23; Mr. Keller on March 23; Mrs. Vandiver on March 30; Mrs. Jones on April 27; Miss Crocker on May 25 and the superintendent on all Sundays not otherwise designated.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

There are ships that go out,
And ships that come in,
With colors flying gay.

But best of all is Friend-Ship,
For it never goes away.

Always your friend,

Katharine R. Stokes.

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

The monthly meeting of the Alliance was held Thursday, November 26, at 2:15. Mrs. Franklin F. Raymond, national director for our branch, was present and brought greetings and suggestions for work from the General Alliance. After the business meeting, Miss Annie F. Brown gave a very interesting lecture on Newfoundland and Labrador, which she visited last summer. Her address was illustrated by postcards, pictures and stereopticon slides.

The outstanding event of the month for the Alliance was the "Rummage Sale" on Wednesday, November 20. The members and friends of the Alliance donated a large quantity of very good articles for the sale. There was a steady stream of buyers all day. Several people asked "Won't you have another sale in the spring?" The net proceeds were \$103. The unsold articles were contributed to the North End Union for their sale on the following day. It was the first venture of the kind for the Alliance and the results were so much worth while that it will not be the last one.

The next meeting of the Alliance will be the study class on Wednesday, December 11 at 2:15 when the first and second chapters of "A Faith for a New Generation," by Rev. James Gordon Gilkey will be read by Miss Elinor Crocker.

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

Our first "get-together" meeting was held at the home of Dr. Christopher R. Eliot, 21 Francis Avenue, Cambridge, on October 19. Mr. Jones reviewed "Laughing Boy" by Oliver La Farge and a pleasant discussion about the Indians followed. The "Cambridge-ites" enjoyed the hospitality and fellowship of the Eliot hearthside very much.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

9, 10 and 11	Fine Arts Guild Program	8:15
11 Wednesday	Women's Alliance	2:15
13 Friday	Christopher R. Eliot Club	4:30
16 Monday	Sunday School Union	6:00
18 Wednesday	Women's Alliance	2:15
23 Monday	Howard Sunday School Christmas Party	6:30
24 Tuesday	Open House	8:00
27 Friday	Eliot Circle Christmas Party	3:00

January

2 Thursday	Annual Church Meeting	6:30
3 Friday	Eliot Circle	1:00
8 Wednesday	Women's Alliance	2:15
10 Friday	Howard Sunday School Club	6:30

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The gas range in the serving room was purchased by the Alliance with funds that were contributed by ten organizations of Parker Memorial and Bulfinch Place Church. This is just a small illustration of what we can do by working together.

The Fine Arts Guild of Parker Memorial will present a program of music and plays in the Winkley Room on the evenings of December 9, 10 and 11 at 8:15. Tickets are fifty cents.

Did you hear the program of the Fine Arts Guild over WEEI last Monday afternoon?

"Christianity Reborn" will be given by the members of the Howard Sunday School and the Fine Arts Guild of Parker Memorial on the afternoon and evening of December 22. Mrs. Lucille Vandiver will cast and direct the drama and Mr. Jones will portray Christ as he did last year. "Christianity Reborn" is being produced by other churches this year and the interest already shown indicates that it will be well received again.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones will hold "open house" this year as in the past at the church on Christmas Eve. During your pilgrimage with the carolers why not plan to partake of a little refreshment and fellowship at the church?

A CHRISTMAS GIFT

As we grow older our physical senses often become dulled: we can no longer see distinctly nor hear clearly. We turn for assistance to the men of

science who supply us with glasses and ear phones. Many churches have installed Acousticons in the auditorium which enable the deaf members of the congregation to hear all of the service. Rev. Frank O. Holmes of the Unitarian Church in Jamaica Plain said to Mr. Jones: "We have had an Acousticon in our church for a number of years and find it very helpful. Seven or eight stations are in use every Sunday." If you would like to make a memorial gift of an Acousticon (about \$250.00) to the church this Christmas will you not communicate with Mr. Jones at your early convenience?

MIRACLE CURES

Dr. Charles Mayo of Rochester, Minn., in a luncheon address on Dec. 4 said "miracle cures" would remain cured as long as they continued objects of public wonder.

"We still have with us the age of miracles and superstition," he said. "In Massachusetts thousands of people daily visited the grave of a young ecclesiastic who died 60 years ago. Those who visited the grave believe it is just as effective for cure of one disease as another. There will always be apparent cures of this type, because many persons with uncontrolled emotions only think they are sick. They throw away crutches or canes or smoked glasses. While they are objects of wonder, they will remain better, but when they have to go to work again their disabilities return."

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No. 5

THEODORE PARKER

(Extracts from an address by Mr. Henry R. Scott, President of the Benevolent Fraternity of Unitarian Churches at Parker Memorial.)

"His religion was a very devout theism. He saw God in every hill and in every flower; in every pure heart was the divine spirit. God is infinite—a Being of perfect power, wisdom, justice, love, and holiness. God administers the universe, including all matter and spirit and each creature in it—for a perfect purpose. The old notions that appear in the Old Testament, that God is a jealous God, and full of wrath and condemned men to eternal damnation, were abhorrent to Parker. God was infinite tenderness and love. He preached a religion—as distinguished from creed or dogma; the religion natural to man. This consisted of piety, our consciousness of God, and of our relation to Him, with love and faith and morality. He never failed to preach what he called the cardinal doctrines of his faith; the loving fatherhood of the perfect God, and the immortality of the human soul. He liked, however, to speak of God as mother and father. He did not want people to reverence the God of Calvinism, the wrathful God who condemned innocent little children to eternal damnation, but the dear God who speaks in your heart, who makes you feel that somehow, though in some far off time, the power of moral good is destined to overcome the power of evil. To him Christianity was perfect love to man and God. He did not worship Christ, as God, as men did in the churches, but he said of Jesus: 'For my own part, I cannot conceive of a being more good, and beautiful and holy, and true than Jesus of Nazareth.' And he loved Jesus. He said: 'In love and religion and truth, I think no one has come up to him' And yet Theodore Parker was called infidel, heretic, atheist! Thank God the people of Boston today know he was

not! And the thousands of men and women who heard him preach at the Melodeon and at the Music Hall knew that he was a true man of God, and to the end they upheld his hands.

"And what is the lesson for us of today, who are to carry on the work of this prophet of our dear New England soil? What should be the teachings of the old institution, if we go back to the beginnings of the Fraternity, now nearly a hundred years old, this Parker Memorial where we are meeting tonight? Everywhere today young people are asking not 'Was Jesus the miraculous Son of God?' but a far deeper question, 'Is there a God?' What would be the answer tonight from the farmer's son, the scholar, Theodore Parker? Would he not say with kindly look: 'My friends, if the God of the churches, the kindly gentleman with the long white beard up there in the clouds is the being you seek, no such creature exists. But up there and down here, in the hearts of men, in the beauty of the flower and in the grandeur of the mountain, God does exist.'

"So this Parker Memorial, if it teaches anything, in memory of Theodore Parker, ought to teach a pure and vital religion, the true way of life, an energizing belief that there is a God. How shall we do this?"

Editor's Note: Thus expressed and limited the religion of Theodore Parker is very much like that of Samuel Hobart Winkley. Could not the two religious societies, which were so profoundly inspired by these great leaders, be fused into one? The editor invites comments from the readers of "Our Work" on this question. Address your answers to Robert W. Jones, 11 Bulfinch Place, Boston, Mass.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The annual Church Supper and Business Meeting, held on January 2, 1930, was attended by seventy members of the church and congregation.

Following the hearty supper prepared and served by Mrs. Leavens, and the social half hour, the business meeting was called to order by Mr. Jones in the Eliot Room and opened by the singing of a hymn.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer, Mr. Walter King, rendered his report for the year. It was very complete and clear and showed a deficit of \$235.97, in contrast to last year's deficit of \$631.81. Mr. Jones expressed his gratitude and appreciation of the treasurer's efficient work, stating that if as great an effort to reduce the deficit is made during the current year, we should have a balance of \$150.00.

On motion of Doctor Eliot it was voted that the treasurer's report be accepted, subject to the approval of the auditor.

On motion of Miss Stokes it was voted that the sympathetic love of all present be sent to Miss Jones (still confined to her bed since her accident) with the bouquet of beautiful Pinks displayed on the table.

The next business, Mr. Jones stated, was the election of officers for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. Poehler it was voted that nominations for the officers for the ensuing year be made from the floor. The following officers were unanimously elected:

Chairman, Supper Committee,

Mrs. Rose Leavens, with power to select her own committee.

Hospitality Committee	{	Miss Mabel Foster
		Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie
		Mrs. Sadie Turner
		Mr. Francis Haskell
		Miss Elizabeth Harris

Treasurer Mr. Walter King

Auditors...	{	Mr. Ezra Breed
		Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie

Advisory Com'tee	{	(To serve for three years)
		Miss Isabel Cummins
		Miss Marguerite Phleghaar
		Miss Clara Rowe

Chairman, Music Committee,

Mrs. Ezra Breed, with power to choose her own committee.

Committee Finance	{	Mr. Bruce Poehler
		Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie
		Mr. Francis Haskell
		Mr. William G. Ellicott
		Mr. Walter L. King
		Mr. Joseph Jones

Financial Secretary, Mr. Joseph Jones

Recording Sec'y, Miss Annie F. Brown

The Chairman then suggested that a Membership Committee might be helpful in increasing the membership of the society and keeping in touch with those who are not as active as they might be. After approval and considerable discussion, on motion of Doctor Eliot, it was voted that Miss Foster and Mr. Jones appoint a Membership Committee of eight, each to represent his or her district, based on the plan of last year's district meetings.

Mr. Jones then called for report of the financial secretary, Mr. Joseph Jones, who stated that the average church attendance during 1929 had been 59½.

The reports of committees followed.

Mr. Poehler, for the Finance Committee, read an itemized account of receipts and expenditures during the year, referred to old coal bills for 1927 and 1928 that were paid off, and urged that the deficit of \$235.97 be met by more generous pledges for 1930. In answer to several questions, Mr. Poehler stated that last year \$1,335 in pledges had been made and all but \$90.00 received; that about sixty people had made these pledges; that the collections each Sunday average \$5.00 or \$6.00, making total contributions from pledges and Sunday offerings \$1,450; that \$1,600 will be needed this year; that \$300 had been received from Parker Memorial for use of the church.

Miss Foster reported for the Committee on District Meetings that beginning with November there had been eight successful and enjoyable meetings. Mr. Jones commended the committee and made two suggestions: that the hosts and hostesses should not be under heavy expense for their entertainment, but remember that the gathering is for fellowship; — that it might be well to invite friends in the neighborhood to meet the church people and so make new contacts.

Mrs. Breed reported for the Music Committee that four younger members were added to the choir last spring and one last fall. For Home-Coming Sunday thirty-five acceptances were received from old choir members invited to sing that Sunday. Five were ill, but thirty came.

Mrs. Lewis Elliott reported for the Committee on the Eliot Room that it seemed wise to purchase furniture for the room, as funds were received. \$527.50 has been expended. The Committee would like to be able to purchase more Windsor chairs and a Governor Winthrop desk. The report was accepted with thanks and the Committee continued for another year.

It was voted that Mrs. Robert W. Jones and Miss Mabel Foster represent the church as its official delegates at the annual meeting of the Greater Boston Federation of Churches.

At the suggestion of Mr. Jones, and on motion of Mr. Poehler, it was voted that a letter of thanks be sent to the Benevolent Fraternity for the work it did on the church auditorium and for the new electric organ blower. The hope was also expressed that the Benevolent Fraternity of Unitarian Churches complete the work in the church auditorium at their early convenience.

Meeting adjourned.

Annie F. Brown
Recording Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

At the annual meeting of the teachers of the Howard Sunday School, the officers of last year were re-elected. Committee reports were submitted.

Miss Mabel Foster was chosen to take charge of Humane Sunday with assistance from the Sunday School.

The Bulletin board is to be returned to its place in the Sunday School, on which will be kept the records of attendance and contributions.

Best wishes from the teachers were sent to Miss Edith L. Jones.

Elizabeth Harris.

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

A very interesting meeting of The Alliance was held Wednesday, January 22, at 2:15 o'clock. An address was given by Mrs. Vivian T. Pomeroy on "The New Discipline," and was most helpful and much appreciated. Hostesses: Mrs. Sara Clough and Mrs. Virginia Lewis.

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, February 26. Speaker—Miss Florence H. Luscomb, Field Secretary of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Subject: "Beating Swords Into Ploughshares."

ELIOT CIRCLE

At the annual meeting held on February 7, the following officers were elected:

President, Miss Katharine R. Stokes
Vice-President, Mrs. Mabel R. Slager
Councillor, Rev. Christopher R. Eliot
Recording Secretary, Miss Clara B. Rowe
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Virginia Lewis
Treasurer, Mrs. Lizzie Lincoln
Librarian, Mrs. Boyce
Pianist, Mrs. Eigabroadt.

Rev. Arthur Olsen spoke to us of his interest in the circle, because of his mother's connection with it, referring to his recollection of the Eliot Circle Christmas Party and the fact that he has a brother Eliot and his determination to enter the ministry as an outcome of the happenings here. We were glad of all this and shall follow with interest the career of this promising young man.

Some of the sunshine bags were returned, but there are many still to come. Please return them at the next meeting on March 7. We are to have another social lunch on that day at one o'clock, and it seems to be the general opinion that the price of the lunch should be 35 cents. All friends are welcome.

Katharine R. Stokes.

WINKLEY GUILD

Herbert Johnson, President

Some of the members of the Winkley Guild have been initiated into the Degree of Purity by Mr. Jones during the past few weeks. When all of the members have been initiated, the Winkley Guild will be ready to receive new members. Several applications for membership have already been filed. It is planned to initiate the associate members at an early meeting.

The Annual Young People's service was observed at Bulfinch Place Church on February 9, 1930. Mr. Herbert Johnson conducted the service and in

the absence of Miss Gladys Leavens led the congregation in prayer. Miss Edith Chase read the Scripture lesson. The sermon was given by Miss Persis Bancroft of Cambridge. Her subject was, "Making the Grade." She treated her thesis in a very courageous manner and inspired both young and old with the desire to conquer all of life's difficulties. We hope to hear Miss Bancroft again.

On Friday, February 14, the Winkley Guild will hold its monthly social at the church. The program will be under the direction of the social committee. A good time is promised for all. Tickets are twenty-five cents.

Congratulations are in order to Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Peterson who are now the proud parents of a baby girl. Mother and daughter have returned from the hospital and are doing nicely. The baby has been named Marguerite in honor of the mother's sister, Miss Marguerite Phleggar.

Mr. Jones will be absent from the pulpit during the next two Sundays. His place will be taken by Dean W. W. Fenn of Harvard University on February 16, and by Reverend Norman D. Fletcher of Haverhill on February 23. Both men are delightful speakers and we hope you will give them your support.

A PRAYER

The way, O God, is sometimes dark,
Black doubts and fears arise,
We stumble on the upward path,
Enlighten thou our eyes.

Help us to see the beckoning gleam
Held high by prophet souls,
Keep us from stopping by the way
At any lesser goals.

Plant in our hearts that seed of faith
Which blossoms into deeds,
Lest in our own pursuit of truth
We heed not others' needs.

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No. 6

A Prayer

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The way, O God, is sometimes dark,
Black doubts and fears arise,
We stumble on the upward path,
Enlighten thou our eyes.

Help us to see the beckoning gleam
Held high by prophet souls,
Keep us from stopping by the way
At any lesser goals.

Plant in our hearts that seed of faith
Which blossoms into deeds,
Lest in our own pursuit of truth
We heed not others' needs.

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THE ELIOT CIRCLE

Our friends will like to know that the lunch and food sale on Friday, March 7, was a great success, both socially and financially. It was fine to see friends who have not met with us for some time and many from a distance arranged to meet each other here at that time. It was pleasant to see the little groups having a good time together. Friends were most generous in their response to our request for articles to be sold, and as everything went a goodly sum was realized, so that we can now go on with our plans for work.

On April 4 we shall celebrate the birthdays of Dr. Hale and Dr. Winklev, also that of our friend, Ruth Climo. The special subject of the day will be "Psychology." The Program Committee will open the subject and we shall have a speaker to discuss it with us. Everybody come. Bring your questions with the hope of having them answered. This will be on Friday, April 4, at 2:30. K. R. S.

JOHN HOWARD CLUB

An interesting meeting of the John Howard Club was held at the home of Miss Jones in Cambridge February 18, 1930. This was the annual meeting. Officers were elected as follows:

President Miss E. L. Jones
Vice President Mrs. Jean Lang
Secretary ... Miss Elinor W. Crocker
Treasurer .. Miss Gertrude C. Rogers

The reports of the year recorded the true spirit of Lend-a-Hand work.

LEND-A-HAND

On April 2, at four o'clock, the memorial wreath will be placed on the statue of Dr. Edward Everett Hale in the Public Garden, April 3 being his birthday. This is done annually by the Lend-a-Hand Clubs, and in a small way speaks their appreciation of the wonderful life and influence of Dr. Hale. It is hoped as many members of the Clubs as possible will take part in the exercises.

COMFORT CARRIERS' CLUB

The annual meeting was held March 5 at the home of Mrs. Robert W. Jones, 6 Austin Park, Cambridge

At 6:45 o'clock, twelve members and four guests sat down to a delicious supper served by Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Hancock.

Mrs. W. L. King called the business meeting to order. Reports of the secretary and treasurer showed good work accomplished and many kindnesses rendered to members and friends.

New officers elected were

President Mrs. Robert W. Jones
Vice President . Miss Annie F. Brown
Secretary Mrs. Mildred G. Reed
Treasurer Miss Abigail A. Eliot
Cheerful Letter Chairman

Miss Carrie Roberts

Program Chairman

Miss Edith L. Jones

Auditor Mr. Walter L. King

Mary J. Pochler

Secretary Pro. Tem.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

February 22, 1930, again marked a happy time for the children. There was the big pie filled with gifts, opened by Mr. Eliot, as he saluted each child with the memorable hatchet which has touched the heads of many who still remember the experience.

Games were led by Miss Chase. The Grand March, with red, white, and blue caps placed on each child, was enjoyed by all. Of course ice cream was served. As usual there were those at the party who represent the third and fourth generations who have attended our church. Earl Fritz and Natalie and Raymond Strong, Jr., were among those present.

A telegram was received from Mr. Jones from Atlanta, Georgia, sending greetings to all.

Many thanks to all those who helped to make this special party a success.

E. L. Jones.

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

Miss Edith L. Jones, President

An interesting meeting of The Alliance was held Wednesday, February 26, at 2:15 o'clock. The speaker for the afternoon was Miss Florence H. Luscomb, Field Secretary of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, her subject being, "Beating Swords Into Ploughshares." A most interesting address

was given. At the suggestion and urge of Miss Luscomb, the following resolution was sent to President Hoover:

"Be It Resolved, that we, The Women's Alliance of Bulfinch Place Church, Boston, Massachusetts, pledge our heartfelt support to the President in carrying out a program of drastic naval reductions."

The following reply was received from the White House:

February 28, 1930.

Dear Miss Crocker:

Your letter of February, with enclosed resolution adopted by The Women's Alliance of Bulfinch Place Church, Boston, has been received and will be placed before the President. Meanwhile permit me to thank you and all concerned for your generous words of approval and support.

(Signed) George Akerson
Secretary to the President.

A neighborhood meeting of The Alliance will be held Wednesday, March 26, at 2:15 o'clock. The speaker for the afternoon will be Mrs. Martha Helen Elliott, State Chairman, Massachusetts Branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Her subject will be "Around the World Friends and Problems."—Elinor W. Crocker, Secretary.

CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT CLUB

The Christopher R. Eliot Club met February 28 at the home of Miss Jones. A delightful supper was served by the hostess.

It was voted to fill a Treasure Chest for the children of the Philippine Islands. Mrs. Martha Helen Elliott gave a very interesting talk on "Friends Around the World." The question period following proved very helpful in our school work.

IN MEMORIAM

Flowers were placed on the chancel

On February 9, 1930

In memory of Harry Foster

By his mother, Mrs. George Hinc.

On February 23, 1930

In memory of

Mrs. Helen Stone Rogers

By her daughter,

Miss Gertrude C. Rogers

On March 2, 1930

In memory of Mr. Caleb P. Fox

By his wife, Mrs. Caleb P. Fox.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Miss Rose Leon has been enjoying a very extensive motor trip through the Southern States this winter.

Miss Annie F. Brown is spending a short mid-winter vacation at East Jaffrey, New Hampshire.

On his return trip from Atlanta, Ga., Mr. Jones was able to spend a short time with Doctor and Mrs. George D. Smith in Richmond, Kentucky (Mrs. Jones' parents), and several hours at his home in Fort Thomas.

Mr. David Hoff of the Fine Arts Guild of Parker Memorial was the bass soloist on March 2.

Mr. Jones preached for Rev. Edward Cotton at Marblehead on March 9, 1930.

Mr. William G. Ellicott is serving as a juror in the Superior Court during the present session.

Boston University School of Religious Education and Social Service presented two religious plays at the church on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, March 5.

Have you noticed that the memorial windows have been permanently placed in the church and that the auditorium has been given the final coat of paint? Once more we are indebted to the Benevolent Fraternity of Unitarian Churches.

Have you noticed any differences in the organ since it has been repaired and a new stop added?

WINKLEY GUILD

Herber Johnson, President

The Winkley Guild held a social and business meeting in the Eliot Room on Wednesday, March 12. It was voted to hold initiation services for all members of the Guild who have not been initiated into the Order of Purity after the church services on March 16 and 23. An invitation was received from the Fine Arts Guild to attend a meeting on Sunday, March 16, at five thirty.

Miss Mabel Doliff of Boston University addressed the Guild on Sunday, March 9. Her subject, "Who Guards the Guards" was very interesting and helpful. We are always glad to discover that we are not alone in emphasising the supreme place that Character holds in life. It is the cornerstone. The devotional service was conducted by Henry Shackford.

The Massachusetts Young Men's Club of Boston will have charge of

the meeting in April. This club of young colored students will present a program of unusual interest and value. Please extend an invitation to all friends of the Guild to attend this service on April 13.

JOINING THE CHURCH

It has long been the custom of receiving new members into Bulfinch Place Church on Easter Sunday. This custom will be continued this year. The minister desires all who are thinking of taking this step to communicate with him at their early convenience. Joining the church is a simple step but one of great significance. It should not be taken lightly nor without due preparation. We have not been in the habit of seeking members. The initiative step has usually been taken by the applicants. If you desire to join the church this Easter Sunday, April 20, will you please communicate with Mr. Jones?

CHURCH SUPPER

Our monthly church suppers are held in order to promote friendship. They give us an opportunity to meet socially from time to time and so become better acquainted. The programs following the suppers vary from month to month but always aim to meet some human need. The menus and programs varied because every one does not like a constant repetition of the same thing. For every adverse criticism we usually receive at least a dozen "Thank You's."

We have been losing a little money on each supper; hence the advance in price. But family tickets are still one dollar. All members of a family can be served for one ticket.

This month we plan to have an unusually attractive program which will please every one. As final arrangements have not been completed it is not wise to make a definite announcement at this time. But you will make no mistake in reserving the last Thursday evening of the month for the church supper.

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

Miss Mabel P. Foster entertained the friends of the church who reside in her neighborhood on Friday, February 21. A special surprise came to all when a birthday cake for Miss Julia Dwire was discovered on the dinner table.

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No. 7

S E E D S

*What shall we be like when
We cast this earthly body and attain
To Immortality?
What shall we be like then?*

*Ah, who shall say
What vast expansions shall be ours that day?
What transformations of this house of clay,
To fit the heavenly mansions and the light of day?
Ah, who shall say?*

*But this we know,—
We drop a seed into the ground,
A tiny, shapeless thing, shrivelled and dry,
And, in the fulness of its time, is seen
A form of peerless beauty, robed and crowned
Beyond the pride of any earthly queen,
Instinct with loveliness, and sweet and rare
The perfect emblem of its Maker's care.*

*This from a shrivelled seed?—
—Then may man hope indeed!*

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*Yea, we may hope!
For we are seeds,
Dropped into earth for heavenly blossoming.
Perchance, when comes the time for harvesting,
His loving care
May find some use for even a humble tare.*

*We know not what we shall be—only this—
That we shall be made like Him—as He is.*

John Oxenham

HOWARD SUNDAY SCHOOL CLUB

The annual meeting of the Club was held Friday evening, March 14. Supper was served by Miss Stokes' and Mr. Jones' classes. The parents of the pupils were invited and these with special guests made a company of seventy.

After supper, reports of the year were given. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President Edith Chase
Vice President Paul Nickerson
Secretary Gladys Leavens
Treasurer Edwin Furbish
Honorary Pres. . Miss Edith L. Jones

An interesting evening had been planned which proved entertaining and educational. Special historic events of the Howard Sunday School, during the past one hundred years, were brought to mind by readings from several present. Mr. Eliot spoke of Joseph Tuckerman and John Howard for whom the Sunday School was named. Then followed accounts of the founding of Friend Street Chapel—Pitts Street Chapel. Mr. Hobart W. Winkley spoke of the coming to Bulfinch Place Church in 1869.

Ruth Dorsett, ten years old, read of Fanny Merrill's experience when at just that age she had thought of the Children's Mission. Miss Abigail A. Eliot spoke of Miss Merrill, the teacher and friend. Mr. McMurdie reminded us that twenty-five years ago we had the first parents and teachers supper. We were also told of Certificate Sunday, the founding of the Lend-A-Hand Clubs, our Christmas parties, and other events.

Miss Stokes was presented with a beautiful bouquet of carnations, for it is on this very date she celebrates the anniversary of her coming to Bulfinch Place Church. Mr. Jones appealed to us to "carry on" with the spirit of our forefathers.

Mr. Eliot gave an illustrated talk on Historic Boston with pictures of Boston of one hundred years ago. During the evening several familiar hymns were sung. All present pronounced this a happy occasion.—Edith L. Jones.

On Friday, April 11, the Howard Sunday School Club held the last meeting of the season. A picnic lunch with plenty of ice cream was enjoyed by all. After the business meeting and a period of games the members of the

club were entertained by a group of young people from the Waverley Congregational Church. There were thirty-three guests from Waverley under the supervision of Miss Marion Hall. We enjoyed their comradeship and their entertainment so much that we hope they will come again.—R. W. J.

IN MEMORIAM

Flowers were placed in the Church on Sunday, April 6, by Mrs. Suter, in memory of her father Rev. Samuel Hobart Winkley; by Mrs. Fred Turner, in memory of her husband Mr. Fred Turner; and by Mrs. Emily Eliott, in memory of her mother Mrs. Emily Neal, and Rev. Samuel Hobart Winkley.

On Sunday, April 13, the flowers were in memory of Mr. George Mendall Taylor. They were the remembrance greetings from Mrs. Emma L. Taylor Coolidge.

DOING YOUR PART

A great many people have neglected to pay their subscription to Our Work. The editor is sorry now that he has so long neglected to call your attention to this important detail. Now Miss Gertrude C. Rogers, our business manager, says that there is not enough money in the treasury to pay for this issue. Will you not consider this invitation to do your bit? The subscription rate is whatever you choose to make it.

LEND A HAND

The sixth annual Luncheon-Conference of Presidents and other officers of Lend a Hand Clubs will be held on Friday, April 25, 1930, at Bulfinch Place Church. The luncheon will be served at twelve-thirty (sixty cents), and the Conference will be held from one-thirty to three o'clock.

These Luncheon-Conferences have proved stimulating and social, bringing the leaders closer together. The average attendance has been forty officers from twenty-three clubs. We hope many more will attend this year.

Kindly reply not later than April 22 that we may know how many to provide for.

Annie Florence Brown,
Executive Secretary.

A NEW LIST OF TEN COMMANDMENTS

REV. ALBERT W. PALMER
Chicago

1. I am the Lord thy God, but, thou shalt remember that I am also the God of all the earth. I have no favorite children. The Negro, the Hindu, the Chinese, Japanese, Russian and Mexican are all my beloved children.

2. Thou shalt not measure a city's greatness by its population or its bank clearing alone, but also by its low infant mortality, its homes, its playgrounds, libraries, schools and hospitals and its low record for bootlegging, prostitution, robbery and murder.

3. Thou shalt remember that no civilization can rise above the level of its respect for and ideals of womanhood.

4. Thou shalt remember thine own sins and build no prisons for revenge and punishment, but make thy courts clinics for the soul and thy jails hospitals for moral diseases.

5. Thou shalt remember that the end products of industry is not goods or dividends, but the kind of men and women whose lives are molded by that industry.

6. Thou shalt press on from political democracy towards industrial democracy, remembering that no man is good enough or wise enough to govern another man without his consent, and that in addition to a living wage, every man craves a reasonable share in determining the conditions under which he labors.

7. Thou shalt outlaw war and make no threatening gestures either with navies or vast military preparations against thy neighbor.

8. Thou shalt honor men for character and service alone and dishonor none because of race color or previous condition of servitude.

9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor by malicious propaganda or colored news or by calling him contemptuous names such as Dago, Chink, Wop, Nigger or Sheeny.

10. Thou shalt remember that when thine own ancestors were savages and barbarians other men brought to them the saving and civilizing Christian gospel. Now that thou art rich and

prosperous beware lest thou export to Asia and Africa only thy science and efficiency, thy warships, goods and motion picture films and forget to export the Christian Message and the Christ-like spirit also.

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

An interesting neighborhood meeting was held Wednesday, March 26. Invitations were sent to forty branches. There were seventy-five members and friends present. A short business meeting was held, followed by a devotional service. The address of the afternoon was given by Mrs. Martha Helen Elliot, State Chairman of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Her subject was "Around World Friends and Problems." A very interesting address with a helpful outlook for world friendship.

ELIOT CIRCLE

In April we always celebrate the birthdays of Dr. Hale and Mr. Winkley, thinking with gratitude of these great leaders who have been our good friends, and of the fine legacy in word and deed which they have left us. Ruth Climo, whose birthday comes on the same day as Dr. Hale's, is always our special guest, and we have the birthday cake for her as we used to have it for Dr. Hale. Ruth has a fine voice and sang several selections. Charles also sang, much to our pleasure. It is always a treat to have this fine family present. They are so generous with their gifts.

At the May meeting we shall have a gala occasion, celebrating May Day, and our members are asked to offer suggestions as to how we may make our meetings more interesting and what kind of program they would prefer. Think it out and be ready with some new ideas.

All Sunshine bags should be in hand at that time.

K. R. S.

COMFORT CARRIERS CLUB

MRS. ROBERT W. JONES, *President*

The Comfort Carriers Club met at the church on the evening of April 2. Supper was served by Mrs. Ben Johnson and Miss Isabel Cummings, assisted by Mrs. Rose Leavens. After the business meeting the members played parlor games which all enjoyed very much.

WINKLEY GUILDHERBERT JOHNSON, *President*

The members of the Winkley Guild enjoyed a social program on Friday, April 4.

On Young People's Sunday in the Sunday School, the Massachusetts Young Men's Club of Boston gave an interesting program. Mr. Theodore Carter presided and gave two vocal selections. Miss Jessie Carter was the speaker, and Mr. George Henderson gave a number of original readings. Other members and friends of the Club were present and we hope to have them again some time.

A business meeting of the Guild will be held Friday evening, April 25, at which we will discuss programs for the rest of the year.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mr. Ernest Jensen has succeeded Mr. V. T. Keller as leader of the boys' class in Sunday School. The Wednesday night gym class will be continued.

The Fine Art Guild has been meeting every other Sunday evening at five-thirty. The meetings have been devoted to a study of modern dramatists. Recent speakers have been Prof. Martin of the English Department of Harvard College and Prof. White of Boston University.

A group of girls interested in correcting posture thru dancing have been studying their art at the church on Tuesday evenings.

Dr. U. S. Milburn of the Universalist Church in Everett gave an illustrated lecture on "The Passion Play" after the March church supper. His lecture was so interesting that some of our friends went to his church on Palm Sunday evening to hear it for the second time.

After the Church supper on April 24 Mr. Jones will give an illustrated lecture on "The Isles of Shoals."

Arrangement has already been made for holding our annual Sunday School picnic this year. Are you planning to go again?

Mrs. Archer is one of three members of the Dicken's Fellowship who had the privilege of hearing the famous English author lecture.

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BULFINCH PLACE CHURCH, BOSTON, OCTOBER, 1930

No. 1

ICH DIEN

I serve.

*With unaggressive mien I fit into
The niche designed for me, nor murmuring raise
That in the dull, eventless hours of praise
No fair emoluments to me accrue.*

I serve.

*I serve the will of God. In my estate
I train my soul contented to abide;
Me seems 'tis nobler thus, than if I tried
With futile efforts to o'er ride my fate.*

I serve.

*Perchance the greater heroes scorn my part;
Seen from their loftier altitude it may
Appear ignoble. Be it so, I say,
Their smiles derisive shall not vex my heart.*

I serve;

*From my appointed path nor sway nor swerve.
What tho' the Eternal Wisdom did accord
Mean use for me? His love is my reward
If in mine own allotted sphere, I serve.*

SUSIE M. BEST

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

Miss Edith L. Jones, President

A meeting of the officers and chairmen of committees of the Alliance was held at the home of the President, Miss Jones, Tuesday, September 30. An interesting program was outlined by Mrs. Robert Jones, chairman of the program committee.

The annual Rummage Sale will be held Wednesday, November 12, from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. It is hoped that the many friends of the Alliance will remember the date and send a good supply of rummage to be sold.

The book to be read in the study class is "Twelve Tests of Character" by the Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick. Elinor Crocker.

FLOWER DAY

On every Friday from June 6 to October 3 (omitting Friday, July 4), beautiful flowers have been received at the church from the Benevolent Fraternity Fruit and Flower Mission. Friends at Needham, Lynn, Marion, Falmouth, Canton, Sharon, and Marlboro have contributed flowers, fruits, and vegetables.

These gifts were distributed to the West End Public Library, the Salvation Army Day Nursery, the Sunnyside Day Nursery, the Lend-a-Hand Society, and to neighbors and friends. Miss Crocker was in charge seven days out of the sixteen and Miss Jones the rest. Special appreciation is given to our helpers, Mrs. Archer and Mrs. Leavens and Mrs. Harris.

A red letter day was registered when three young men from the Y. P. R. U. brought in seven baskets of fruit by auto. This gift was added to the well filled hamper that day from Marlboro.

"I just love Flower Day," said one of the children last Friday. So say we all.

E. L. Jones.

COMFORT CARRIERS

Mrs. Gladys Jones, President

The Comfort Carriers' Club opened its season with a supper meeting on Wednesday, October 1, 1930 at 9 Aus-

tin Park. Mrs. Gladys Jones and Mrs. Frances Hancock were hostesses.

The Comfort Carriers voted to take charge of the program after the October church supper, and to provide entertainment in the form of a Hal-lowe'en social. A food sale is also to be carried on at this time.

Other plans for the year were discussed. When the business was over, the meeting adjourned to meet in November with Mrs. Mildred King.

WINKLEY GUILD

Miss Gladys Leavens, President

Twenty-two members and friends of the Winkley Guild had a most enjoyable and successful week-end party at the Charlotte Home this summer. Baseball seemed to claim most of the attention, followed by supper and dancing in the evening. Nineteen were overnight guests. Sunday was observed by worshipping together in the morning. Every one agreed that the party was one worth repeating.

On October 7, nine members of the Guild met at the home of the President to discuss plans for the year. The plans discussed are very interesting and no young person in the church can afford to miss the good times ahead. For all of you who like to hike; Pull on your hiking shoes, put a permanent smile on your face and meet us at the church Saturday, October 18, at 1:30 p.m. for our trip through the Blue Hills!

CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT CLUB

The Christopher R. Eliot Club held their first meeting of the season at the home of the Treasurer, Miss Gladys Leavens, in Belmont. Plans for the winter's work were discussed.

On Sunday at the opening of Sunday School, Miss Marjorie Ellicott, the President, presented Mr. Eliot with a bouquet of carnations, the club flower. This was to welcome him back from his long journey this summer.

E. L. J.

CHURCH SUPPER

Seventy-one friends of Bulfinch Place Church gathered at the church for the first supper of the season on Thursday, September 25. Miss Abigail Eliot, Miss Katharine R. Stokes, Miss Edith L. Jones, Mrs. Robert W. Jones, Dr. Christopher R. Eliot, and Mr. Robert W. Jones served as hostesses at the several tables. Miss Marjorie Ellicott, Miss Gladys Leavens, Miss Edith Chase, Miss Natalie Chase, Mr. Robert Leavens, and Mr. Melvin Furbish served the tables in a very creditable manner. Mr. Jones said that the present arrangement was due to suggestions received from various people. He hoped that others would not keep their suggestions to themselves. It was voted to permit the clubs and organizations of the church to take charge of the programs after the supper. The Comfort Carriers Club will present a Hallowe'en Program after the October supper and the Alliance will have charge of the Harvest program on November 20.

Mr. Jones led the devotional services and introduced Miss Ruth Wilkinson and Dr. Eliot. Dr. Eliot spoke about some of his experiences abroad this summer. On all sides he reported evidence that the people of Sweden, Germany, and England are moving forward. They are planning for the years ahead and are doing a great deal to train the young people for places of responsibility.

INTERESTING SERVICES

Invitations have been received for the members and friends of Bulfinch Place Church, Parker Memorial, to attend the following meetings:

(1) Norfolk-Suffolk Conference at First Church in Quincy on the afternoon and evening of Thursday, October 23.

(2) Installation service of Reverend Kenneth Cathcart Walker as Junior Minister of Arlington Street Church, on October 12 at 11:00 a. m.

(3) Annual autumn service of wor-

ship of the Greater Boston Federation of Churches at First Church in Boston on October 13 at 8:00 o'clock.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Miss Gladys R. Leavens and Miss Edith Chase attended a conference for young people at Camp Kanesatake near Spruce Creek, Pa., this summer.

Mr. Jones received a hearty thank you letter from the China Child Welfare Inc., for contributions of the pupils, teachers and officers of the Howard Sunday School. This week a letter requesting further contribution, signed by Christopher R. Eliot was received. Contributions for this worthy cause will be gladly forwarded. Send your contribution to the church and it will be forwarded to the China Child Welfare, Inc.

ELIOT CIRCLE

It was good to get together on October 3, for our regular meeting. Greetings were cordial and summer experiences exchanged in friendly fashion.

The Camp Fire Girls in charge of a guardian gave an interesting demonstration of their work. This organization is certainly doing its part in the strengthening of home ties and development of character.

Reports of the Charlotte Home were most satisfactory. All expenses met, a larger number of guests than usual and a happy harmonious family. Many who came to us much under standard returned to their duties renewed in mind and body, with fresh courage to start over again, so at the end of our 18th season, at this dear home, we are indeed grateful for the opportunity it brings us to serve in many ways.

Katharine R. Stokes.

Flowers on the Communion Table on Sunday October 5 were placed by Mrs. Anna May Peabody in memory of her mother.

MY BEACON

I looked across the bay,
When the tide came over the bar,
And saw, through the rain, the harbor-
light

Shine like a great white star.

I trimmed my cottage lamp
And sighed at its tiny spark,
Thinking the ships, for leagues away,
The harbor-light could mark.

But mine—a little way
Along the treacherous sands,
And the murky night took up the ray
Quenched in its pitiless hands.

A keel that touched the shore,
A carol, a footstep light,
And one stood safe at the open door,
And there was no storm nor night.

"Dear heart," my lover said,
His hair with the sea-fog damp,
"Across the bar, with the rising tide,
I steered by thy guiding lamp."

Fair shone my cottage lamp;
A wonderful star to me.
For dearer my lover's wave-worn boat
Than all the ships on the sea.

It will interest you to know that there will be a series of Religious Services "on the air," Sunday Afternoons, from 3 to 4 o'clock, conducted by the Benevolent Fraternity of Unitarian Churches in Boston, and broadcast from Station WBZA.

The first will be on October 12. After a brief introduction by the Fraternity, Rev. Samuel A. Eliot, D. D., of Arlington Street Church, will conduct the Service and preach. Music by the organist and choir of the church.

Kindly give notice of this on Sunday mornings, so that any who have radios may "listen in." We would be pleased to hear from such listeners, as that will help decide us to continue. Address, Station WBZA, Hotel Statler, Boston.

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The preacher on Oct. 19 will be Rev. Charles R. Joy, Administrative Vice-President, American Unitarian Association, and on Oct. 26, Rev. Abbot Peterson of Brookline.

For the Fraternity,

Henry R. Scott, President
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Christmas Carol

By PHILLIPS BROOKS

*The earth has grown old with its burden of care,
But at Christmas it always is young,
The heart of the jewel burns lustrous and fair,
And its soul full of music breaks forth on the air,
When the song of the angels is sung.*

*It is coming, old earth, it is coming to-night!
On the snowflakes that covered thy sod
The feet of the Christ-child fall gentle and white,
And the voice of the Christ-child tells out
That mankind are the children of God.*

*On the sad and the lonely, the wretched and poor,
The voice of the Christ-child shall fall;
And to every blind wanderer open the door
Of a hope that he dared not to dream of before,
With a sunshine of welcome for all.*

*The feet of the humblest may walk in the field
Where the feet of the holiest have trod,
This, this is the marvel to mortals revealed
When the silvery trumpets of Christmas have pealed.
That mankind are the children of God.*

Dear Friend:

During the past few years I have been wrestling with this problem: How can we Christianize our social order? Looking forward to the Advent Season, I have pondered the more specific issue! How can we relieve the pressure caused by unemployment? How can we make our observation of Christmas more truly reflect the spirit of Jesus? A little child showed me the way by asking this question: "If Christmas is the birthday of Jesus, why do you give presents to me?"

Have you not been impressed, as I have been, by our inconsistency in calling the giving of gifts to those from whom we expect presents, an expression of the Christ spirit?

A large part of my Christmas giving has been serving no useful purpose. My gifts have carried the spirit of goodwill, to be sure. In every case I have said that the gift itself was the insignificant part of the remembrance. And that has been true. But in the aggregate, the money spent for Christmas cards and presents has been considerable and could be made to serve a much better purpose.

So this year I am proposing to discontinue my individual gifts to my friends and to give my gift (to use the thought suggested by my little friend), to Jesus. Literally an impossibility, of course. But when I remember that Jesus said the spirit of truth would take his place in the world, I think I am giving my gift to him when I use it to further the pursuit of spiritual truth. The appeal for unemployment relief is heard on every side, but as a citizen of the Commonwealth I am doing my part. I remember how Jesus met the same temptation;—"Man shall not live by bread alone." So this year I propose to give my gift to the Unitarian Laymen's League with the request that it be used for conducting preaching missions. I know that the world needs the spirit of Jesus, as interpreted by our churches and our missions. I know of no better way of observing the birth of Jesus than by helping promote the cause—spiritual freedom—for which he lived and died. Do you?

Ever your friend,

ROBERT W. JONES.

December 9, 1930

To the Editor of Our Work:

May I take this opportunity to send a Christmas word of greeting and goodwill to all my friends in Bulfinch Place Church and the Howard Sunday School, which means, I am glad to think, everybody.

The test of a good Christmas is the Christ-spirit in our hearts, expressing itself in what we say and do for one another.

I have just been reading aloud Dicken's "Christmas Carol," and its closing words are still ringing in my ears and heart:

"Scrooge was better than his word. . . . He became as good a friend, as good a master, and as good a man as the good old city knew, or any other good old city, town, or borough in the good old world. Some people laughed to see the alteration in him, but he let them laugh. . . . His own heart laughed and that was quite enough for him. . . . He knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge. May that be truly said of us, and all of us! And so, as Tiny Tim observed, God bless us, every one!"

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and all our friends!

—Christopher R. Eliot.

THE ELIOT CIRCLE

Friday, December 5, was a red letter day for us. So many friends gathered for lunch and to greet each other. The time for preparation was short, but all went so well the experiment seemed quite worth while. All things considered, the receipts were satisfactory, making it possible for us to do the things we like to do for Christmas. Thanks to all who helped to make this a success.

Now for the Christmas Party. This will take place on Friday, January 2, at 2:30. Please send names, addresses and ages of children you wish to invite to Miss Stokes at the Bulfinch Place Church, not later than December 20. Be sure to send names of children you know to whom Christmas does not bring all that it should.

BULFINCH BOYS' CLUB

Mr. Ernest Jensen, Leader

On December 18, at 7:30 o'clock, the Bulfinch Boys' Club will present an

entertainment for your enjoyment and approval.

The club needs uniforms for its basketball team and it has chosen this way of raising the necessary funds. The entertainment is very interesting. It consists of a three act mystery, "The Man in the Shadow," with the tenseness removed during the intermission by the Big Brother Harmonica Band. After the play will come a social hour.

Van Bennett had committed suicide,—that seemed to be an established fact. On the anniversary of his death, his brother invited his three best friends to his home to commemorate the passing of the one they loved. Rather a gruesome meeting? Well, that's what they thought, too, but—a voice over the radio, a mysterious red feather, a song on the air, a name whispered when the lights were out, a disloyal chauffeur,—all will mystify you, until nothing will surprise you, except,—well, come see for yourself on December 18, at 7:30 o'clock.

The play is under the direction of Mr. Ernest Jensen and Miss Ruth Wilkinson. The club feels certain that the play is worth your support. Thirty-five cents will pay for your ticket, which may be obtained from any of the boys in the club.

WINKLEY GUILD

Gladys Leavens, President

A birthday cake with the name "Barbara" beautifully written in white icing graced the table on December 30 when the Winkley Guild assembled for its religious meeting. If only one of the wishes expressed by the members of the Guild comes true, Miss Harris will be very happy in the future. Mr. Edward Simms, graduate student of B. U. School of Religious Education and Social Service spoke on "What Next?" It was a very thought provoking address very charmingly presented. Mr. Ted Carter sang several spirituals with a truly religious interpretation. He was accompanied on the piano by his mother. We hope these three new friends will meet with us again.

The first social dance of the season was held on Friday, December the fifth. On December 31 the Guild will hold a Watch Night Candle Light service.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 15—Monday	
Sunday School Union	6:30
December 17—Wednesday	
Alliance Christmas Party	6:30
December 18—Thursday	
Boys' Club Program	8:00
December 21	
Christmas Service. Church and Sunday School united.	3:15
December 24—Wednesday	
Open House	8:00
December 30—Tuesday	
Christmas Tree Party of the Howard Sunday School	6:30
December 31—Wednesday	
New Year's Service	11:30
January 2—Friday	
Eliot Circle Christmas Party	2:30
January 8—Thursday	
Annual Church Meeting	7:30
Monthly Church Supper	6:30
January 15—Thursday	
Annual Meeting of the Teachers and Officers of the Howard Sunday School	8:00

THE WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

Miss Edith L. Jones, President

Mrs. George Johnson, Chairman of the Social Service Committee, presided at the regular meeting of the Alliance on November 25. Mrs. Frank S. Elliott, National Chairman of the Committee of Social Service gave an interesting address on Peace and International Relations.

Seventy-five dollars was netted from the Rummage Sale on November 12. Articles that were not sold were distributed by Miss Stokes and Miss Jones.

The devotional service after the Harvest Supper was conducted by Miss Edith L. Jones. Mrs. Thomas G. Rees, National President of the Women's Alliance and Dr. Christopher R. Eliot were the speakers. Miss Helen Lyndon and Mrs. Martha Scocozza gave a musical prelude.

The Women's Alliance are looking forward to the Christmas meeting and supper on December 17 when they will be host to the Comfort Carriers' Club.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Lucille Vandiver is associated with Dr. Harry M. Fosdick at The River-

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side Church as the Director of Religious Drama.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Jones will keep open house in the Eliot Room Christmas Eve.

There are always items of interest posted on the bulletin board in the hall way. Do you stop to read them?

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THE ATHENIAN OATH FOR CHURCHMEN

We will never bring disgrace to this our church
by any act of dishonesty or cowardice, nor
ever desert our comrades;

We will strive for the ideals and sacred spirit of
the Christ, both alone and with many;

We will revere the laws of God and do our best
to incite a like respect and reverence in those
about us who are prone to annul or to set
them at naught:

We will strive unceasingly to quicken the pub-
lic's sense of divine duty:

Thus in all these ways, we will transmit this
church not only not less, but greater, better
and more spiritual than it was transmitted
to us.

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WINKLEY GUILD

Pieces of eight, a dead man's chest, all the skeletons in the closets, a misty light, a real pirate fortelling the future, buried treasure,—such were the inducements that lured brave pirate souls to the Fo'cas'le in Bulfinch Place Church on the evening of January 30. Well, we all know how to walk the plank now, and will be quite willing to help others learn the trick. Captain Blood and Peg-leg had evidently been around the church in the afternoon, for we found their traces everywhere, and finally they led to the ship's hold where silver nuggets in a seaman's chest were buried in a place "almost as black as night." Any Guilder who missed the Pirate Party missed an evening of good fun. Better not miss the next one!

Sunday, February 1, was Young People's Sunday, when the Guilders were allowed the privilege of conducting the church service for the congregation. All the Guilders were present and helping in some way. The actual service was conducted by Alan Harris, Edith Chase, Albert Cook, Marjorie Ellicott, Romeo Jackson, and Gladys Leavens, while the rest of the young people served by ushering or singing in the choir. The theme of the service, "The Quest for God," helped each of us, perhaps, to tune our lives a little nearer the Infinite.

Friday, the thirteenth, is a lucky day for the Guilders. Bring your Valentine to the dance to be held in the gym at eight that evening. Thirty-five cents each will pay for a four piece orchestra, a bit of refreshments, several dances with a Valentine, and a good time!

Other good things are in store for the Guilders in the near future, too. Don't forget we're planning a roller skating party and a tobogganning party, besides some other lively good times. The Guild holds their Sunday meetings at five o'clock, with supper followed by a discussion group. Next meetings are to be February 8 and 22. On the latter date we are having a special speaker. You had better plan to be there!

ELIOT CIRCLE

At the annual meeting it was voted to retain the same list of officers for the next year.

The Red Cross was remembered

and the mite box collection was for Valentines to be sent to invalids and shut-ins. If you know of any such, please send names and addresses to Miss Stokes at the Church. She will respond to your request. A very pleasant feature of the afternoon was an address by Miss Barbara Poor, who was sent by the Pequot Mills people. She spoke on the Romance of Cotton and made an attractive appearance dressed in the costume of the seventeenth century.

On Friday, March 6, at twelve-thirty we will have another social lunch. The speaker will represent the Peabody House and will tell of the work done there. Be sure to reserve that date.

K. R. S.

LEND-A-HAND CLUBS

The mid-winter conference of the Lend-a-Hand Society will be held Saturday, February 28, at Bulfinch Place Church. Our five Clubs will entertain the conference. The morning session will open at ten-thirty. Reports will be read from the visiting clubs and the central office. There will be a story half hour. Coffee and cocoa will be served by the host club at noon. The afternoon session opens at two o'clock. Dr. Christopher R. Eliot will give a stereopticon talk on his trip to Iceland. There will be two other speakers on the afternoon program.

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

Edith L. Jones, President

An interesting meeting of the Alliance was held Wednesday, January 28, in charge of the Fellowship and Friendly Links Committee of which Mrs. Safford is chairman. The guest speakers were Miss Mary C. Sawyer and Miss Mary F. Gill.

The next regular meeting will be held February 25 under the direction of the International Committee: Mrs. Gladys R. Jones, chairman. Mrs. Walter T. Harrison will speak on "The Earth is Our Workshop."

COMFORT CARRIER'S CLUB

Mrs. Gladys Jones, President

The Comfort Carriers Club held its January meeting at the home of Miss Edith L. Jones. After a delicious sup-

per, served by the hostess, the business meeting was held. The program was given by one of our members: Miss Abigail Eliot. She spoke informally and very interestingly of her trip to Iceland.

The February meeting was held in the Eliot Room on Wednesday, the fourth. Mrs. Marion May and Mrs. Rose Leavens served a very inviting supper at six thirty. Dr. Christopher R. Eliot and Rev. Robert W. Jones were specially invited guests. Mrs. Philip Mayer of Medford gave a very interesting account of her experiences in Malayasia. Mr. and Mrs. Mayer and Mr. and Mrs. Jones were classmates at Ohio Wesleyan University.

The next time we meet will be the annual meeting on the first Wednesday in March.

THANK YOU

Mr. Jones wishes to take this opportunity to express his thanks to the many friends of Bulfinch Place Church who have expressed their regret on hearing of his leaving, May first. And another happy thank you to those who were aware of, and remembered, his thirty-second birthday. Thank you!

BULFINCH BOYS' CLUB

The Bulfinch Boys' Club presented Mr. Ernest Jensen a gold basket ball and chain last Friday evening. It was the last meeting of the Club under the leadership of Mr. Jensen. Every one is sorry that Mr. Jensen is returning to his home in Illinois. The Boys have enjoyed the fellowship of Mr. Jensen and he will be missed very much. He was one of our best teachers in the Howard Sunday School. Good luck, Ernie!

ANNUAL MEETING

There was an excellent attendance at the Annual Meeting of Bulfinch Place Church on January 8. Reports of the various Committees indicated that 1930 was one of our best years during Mr. Jones' ministry. Growing out of a discussion opened by Mr. Jones it was voted to elect a lay person Moderator. Mr. Ezra F. Breed was elected to that office and presided thru the rest of the meeting. Mr.

Walter King reported that there was a balance in the treasury with all bills paid. The following officers were elected to serve for one year: Mr. Ezra F. Breed, Moderator; Financial Secretary and Clerk, Mr. Joseph Jones; Treasurer, Mr. Walter L. King; Secretary, Miss Edith L. Chase. A full report from the Secretary will be published in the March issue of Our Work.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

At the Annual Meeting of the Officers and Teachers of the Howard School all of the officers were re-elected except the Secretary. The removal of Miss Elizabeth Harris from Boston made it necessary to elect some one else to that important position. We were fortunate in being able to elect Miss Edith L. Jones Secretary. A Committee was appointed to bring a report to the March meeting on "Ways and Means of Modernizing the Sunday School."

TRIBUTE TO MRS. BREED

Duties at home compelled Mrs. Anna C. Breed to resign as Director of the Church Choir effective January 1, 1931. The people of the Church expressed their appreciation of Mrs. Breed's faithful and efficient service by gathering in the Eliot Room after the church service on December 28.

It was an informal tea, but the congregation thru Dr. Eliot, Mrs. Hazel Nickerson and Mr. Jones expressed its love and esteem. All were glad to hear from Mrs. Breed of her willingness to serve as Chairman of the Music Committee.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ELIOT

The Benevolent Fraternity of Unitarian Churches invited the congregation of the Church to an informal reception in honor of Dr. Christopher R. Eliot's seventy-fifth birthday. The great throng that greeted Dr. Eliot on January 20 was a fitting tribute to his service and character. We are glad that Dr. Eliot has not severed his connections with Bulfinch Place Church though he has resigned as Minister-at-Large.

BENEVOLENT FRATERNITY CHANGES

Some important changes have been voted by the directors of the Benevolent Fraternity of Unitarian Churches. A combination of circumstances was the cause.

The minister at large of the Fraternity, Dr. Christopher R. Eliot, handed in his resignation to take effect on his seventy-fifth birthday, January 20, 1931. It was accepted with regret and genuine appreciation for his faithful services. He will become Honorary Minister-at-Large.

The Fraternity voted to endorse the project of a pastor for students to work in and for the benefit of all our churches about Boston and to assist students in their religious problems. This work, however, would not be connected with any special church. The work of a pastor for students is a full time project in itself. The Fraternity voted to pay part of the estimated expense if the Unitarian Student Committee, which has been for some time making a study of the student problems, would raise the balance.

The Fraternity has decided to look for a new minister-at-large who will also be pastor of Bulfinch Place Church and director of Parker Memorial. This is a position of considerable importance because the ministry-at-large calls for a high degree of knowledge of social service combined with preaching and administration in churches. The Fraternity runs a Social Settlement work at the North End Union, a community young people's movement for religious education under the Barnard Memorial trust in Dorchester, a fruit and flower mission with headquarters at Horticultural Hall, and owns two Unitarian Churches, Bulfinch Place Church—Parker Memorial, and Channing Church, Dorchester. In addition, this year, the Fraternity has been running a ministry-at-large over the air by a series of broadcasting services from station WBZA, Boston, every Sunday afternoon, under the name "The Hour for Religious Liberals."

The changes at Bulfinch Place will not go into effect until May 1, 1931, when the present arrangement with Rev. Robert W. Jones expires. The directors of the Fraternity recognize and highly appreciate the faithful services of Mr. Jones as director of Parker Memorial and minister of Bulfinch Place Church. No radical

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Henry R. Scott, President
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